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A Guide to the Arvada Library

# THIS LIBRARY IS DIFFERENT

## A Message from William Knott, County Librarian

*Jefferson County Public Library is proud to unveil the newest treasure in Olde Town Arvada. Please join us for the Grand Opening Celebration beginning 9:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at West 57th Avenue and Webster Street. Experience the new library, enjoy live entertainment, food and children's activities.*

### ***We have many people to thank for making the library possible.***

*We thank you, the citizens of Arvada, for your continued patronage. We hope you take advantage of all the new library has to offer.*

*We thank the City of Arvada for its continued support and advocacy, which helped bring this treasure to Olde Town.*

*We thank the Jefferson County Commissioners for their commitment to citizen literacy, knowledge and information, ensuring a bright future for all.*

*We thank representatives of the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority for their commitment to the development of Olde Town, its businesses, retailers and customers and the economic growth the new library will bring to the area.*

*We thank the members of the citizen's committee who worked tirelessly to identify issues we should consider in selecting a site.*

*Finally, as County Librarian, I thank Library staff members for their persistent efforts to enhance the programs and services available to library users throughout the county.*

*Together, we are bringing a new library to life, one that will meet the needs of a diverse and growing population. We believe all of our patrons will appreciate the many new services the Arvada Library has to offer. Whether a young child, teen, student, mom, dad, grandparent, or business person, the Arvada Library has something for everyone.*

*Enjoy your new library!*



# WELCOME ARVADA LIBRARY!

## A Message from Ken Fellman, Mayor of Arvada

*The City of Arvada gives a warm welcome to the newest of our city's amenities – the Arvada Library in Olde Town.*

*The result of five years of planning and unprecedented cooperation from several public entities – including Jefferson County Public Library, the City of Arvada, the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) and the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners – the new library is sure to have a great impact on our community.*

*Legendary coach Darrell Royal once said, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." The new library is the perfect example! In 2001, the Arvada Library at W. 57th Avenue and Dover Street was deemed too small to provide the updated services needed in the southern part of Arvada. At the same time, AURA and the City of Arvada were launching a strong revitalization campaign for Olde Town.*

*With cooperation, vision, and an understanding of the needs of our citizens, we found the perfect solution. The library could find a new home in Olde Town – a home nearly triple the size of the former location and able to provide patrons a place to pursue knowledge and ideas with 21st-century technology. In addition, the anticipated 40,000 monthly library visitors will enhance the vitality of Olde Town Arvada, frequenting our historic district's many restaurants and shops and enjoying the "new" Olde Town Square renovated by the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority.*

*This level of cooperation is not always easy. So we thank all of our partners: our city staff, AURA, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, Jefferson County Public Library, and all of our committed citizens.*

*On Sept. 16 Arvada citizens are invited to celebrate the city's newest treasure. We will also celebrate the continued commitment to improving Arvada's quality of life, and the unprecedented cooperation that changed a dream into reality.*

*Welcome!*





## Arvada Library: your new treasure in Olde Town

When the Arvada Library opens in Olde Town at West 57th Avenue and Webster Street on Sept. 16, Arvadans will have a host of possibilities to discover.

Each visit will prove to be fun, interesting, and educational. Patrons will find it's easy and convenient to choose and check out items at the new location. While the new library is three times larger than the former location that closed Aug. 25, the design features intimate spaces where visitors will feel at home.

Built for families, individuals and teens alike, the first floor has popular books, CDs, DVDs and audio books, comfortable seating, a children's area and a community meeting room. The second floor has a special area for teens, an Internet Café, magazines and newspapers, two study rooms, and a comfortable reading room, especially attractive to adults.

Staff members or volunteers are available throughout the library with handy maps and information. And while it will be hard to leave the stunning architecture, increased resources and comfortable spaces, self-check units will make checking out a breeze.



## Building a foundation for opportunity

The library has been part of the south Arvada neighborhood since the 1930s. Located one-half mile from its former location at West 57th Avenue and Dover Street, the new Arvada Library sits in the heart of Olde Town Arvada. Neighbors will find their library has grown from the smallest full-service library in Jefferson County to the largest in the county – with state-of-the-art design and resources.

The concept of a new library in Olde Town surfaced in 1999. The City of Arvada viewed a new library as a potential cornerstone in the downtown area's redevelopment, and Jefferson County Public Library recognized that a new, larger library could also address the needs of the growing Arvada population.

An Arvada Citizen's Advisory Committee was organized in 2001 to help make the decision whether to relocate or stay at the former location and provided input throughout the planning process for the new library.

"We knew that a new library in Olde Town would create a community magnet, bringing residents to the newly revitalized neighborhood and its many restaurants and shops," said Tim Steinhaus, director of the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority.

Several organizations have contributed to the success of the new library, including Jefferson County Public Library, the City of Arvada, the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority and the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. In addition to the new library, the project includes renovation of the adjacent Olde Town Square where community events can flow to and from the square and the library.

## Building a foundation for discovery

The new library offers 70,000 books, music CDs, computer CD-ROMs, recorded books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers and other items. Areas with computers, printers and copiers are conveniently and prominently placed throughout the library. Wireless Internet access is available in the library and the adjacent Olde Town Square, and 60 library computers offer Internet access, printing services and information galore.

"We designed the new library to be patron-friendly, using all the newest information technology available," said County Librarian Bill Knott.

### Tour the library and discover your favorite spots

#### First Floor: Browse, read, meet and play

- At the entry, a "power wall" greets visitors, displaying the most up-to-date and popular books, DVDs, and CDs.
- A full-service concierge desk is available with library staff ready to answer all your questions.
- Seven self-check units will make checkout a breeze. For convenient return of books and materials, there is also a walk-up book drop near the W. 57th Avenue entry and a drive-up book drop on the building's north side. These self-services are a quick, convenient option for patrons short on time. A comfortable "living room" is available for browsing and reading.
- The engaging children's area with adjacent room for story-times and performances is sure to delight.
- A community meeting room for up to 50 people is available for reservation. The meeting room's doors open onto Olde Town Square for community events.

#### Second Floor: Search, relax, read and study

- To further enhance your experience, head to the second-floor Internet Café. Hot and cold vending machines provide the perfect treat while relaxing with a favorite book or using wireless Internet access on counters and tables handy for your laptop.
- Jefferson County's first dedicated teen area to be part of an original building design will surely be a gathering place. The 'Attitude' area with booth seating for group projects is dedicated to meeting the ever-changing needs and interests of today's teenagers.
- Those seeking quiet can retreat to the reading room with views of the city and the mountains. Nearby shelves offer a wide selection of magazines and newspapers.
- Two six-person study rooms are available for small-group meetings or projects.
- Tax and governmental forms and copying and printing facilities are located conveniently in the copy room.



**1938**

The library first opened its doors in the Arvada Town Hall, renting its books from the Denver Public Library.

**1942**

The library moved to another building on the same block.

**1948**

The Arvada Lions Club donated \$250 "for purchase of teen-age books to help curb juvenile delinquency."

**1965**

Ground was broken for a new library at W. 57th Avenue and Dover Street.

**2006**

The Arvada Library moves to a new state-of-the-art facility in Olde Town Arvada.

**1941**

The library moved to a building on Wadsworth Boulevard (now Olde Wadsworth) at Grandview Avenue in the Davis Block.

**1943**

The library became city-owned and received \$863 annually for operations.

**1951**

The library moved to larger quarters in a city-owned house in McElvoy Park.

**1969**

The Arvada Library joined the Jefferson County Public Library.



The Arvada Library has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1938 in the Arvada Town Hall. Many Arvada citizens may remember the Town Hall, or its location at Grandview Avenue and Wadsworth, or its quarters in the city-owned house in McElvoy Park. Wherever its location, the community has always supported its public library, and continues to support learning for all. Look below for a full timeline of the Arvada Library's many community locations, it may spark fond memories.

# Building new possibilities in Olde Town

Congratulations on the new Arvada Library



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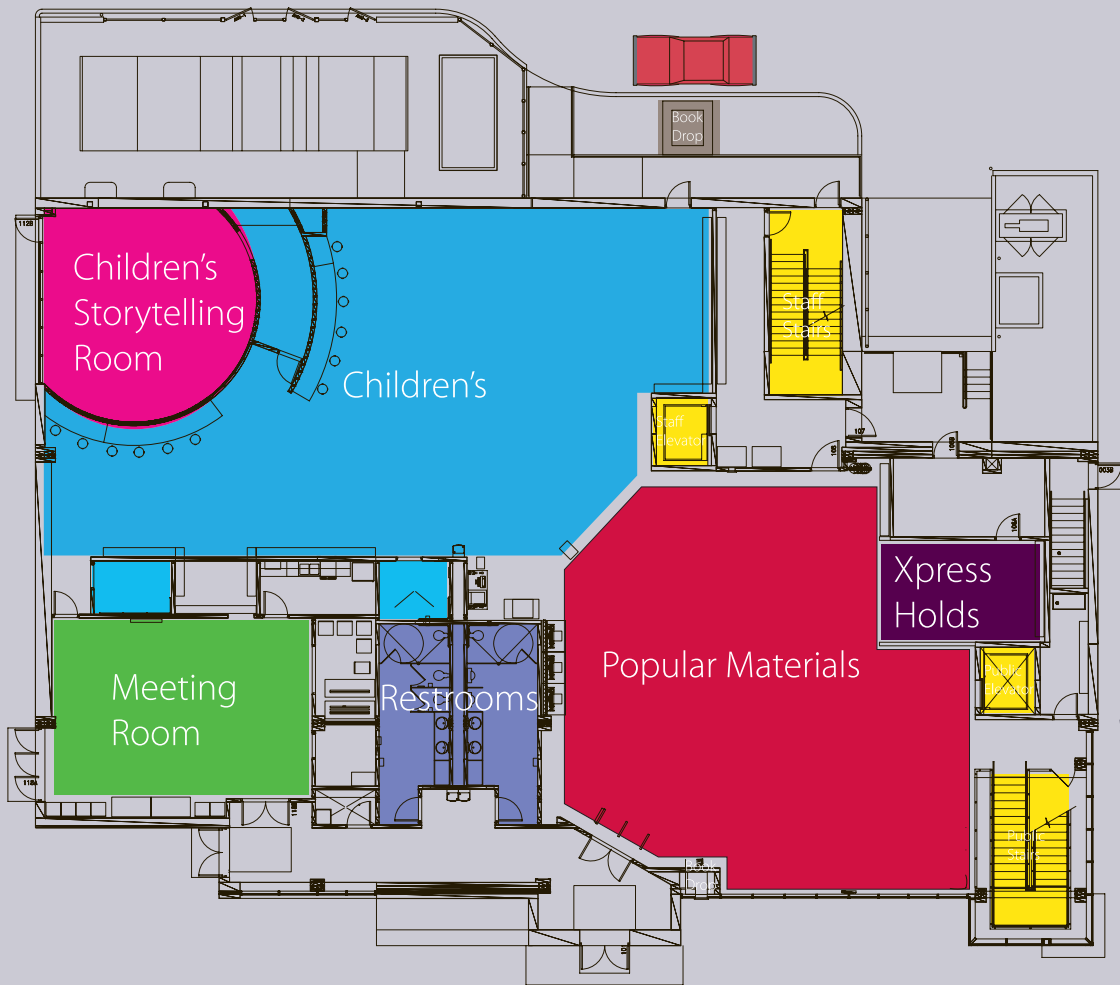
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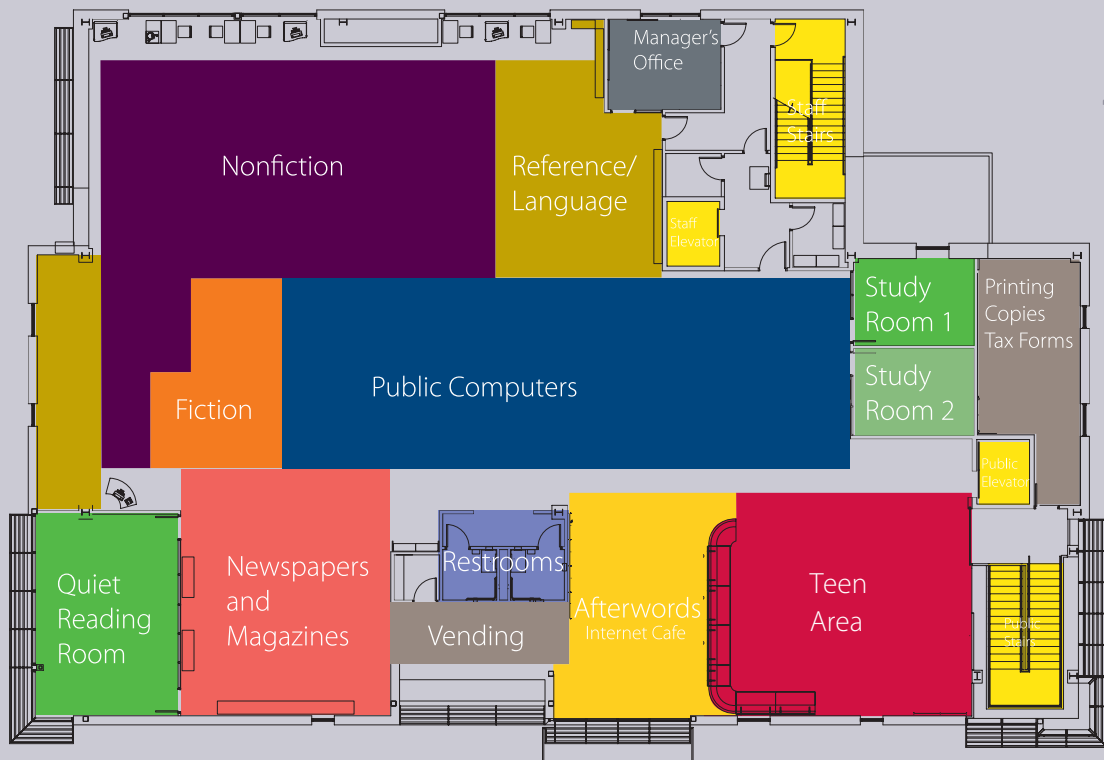
Timothy Steinhaus, Executive Director

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Inside the new library



## PROUD PARTNERS...

Helping to light the way!

Jefferson County Library Foundation and Friends of the Jefferson County Public Library congratulate members of the Arvada community on their new Arvada Library in Olde Town



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## New library offers much more

### Old Library

9,700 square feet  
20,000 patrons visit each month  
No meeting room  
  
No study rooms  
23 public computers  
with Internet, word processing capabilities  
and more  
No reading room  
No Internet Café  
No separate area for children's storytimes

### New Library

About 32,000 square feet  
Estimated 40,000 patrons each month  
Meeting room for 50 with galley and doors  
to Olde Town Square  
Two six-person study rooms  
60 public computers with Internet access,  
word processing capabilities and more  
  
Reading room with comfortable chairs  
Internet Café with hot and cold vending machines  
Storytime room adjacent to children's area



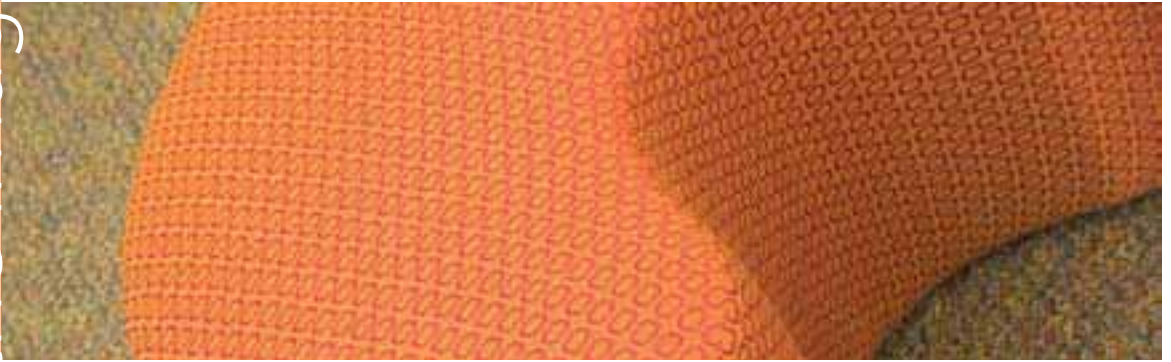
# Children's Room to feed the imagination

Children will find a special place waiting for them on the first floor of the new Arvada Library. The lively, comfortable and inviting area will surely become a favorite place for children and their parents to search, learn, read and dream together.

Double-seat ottomans and alcoves with benches invite parents and children to relax together and enjoy a book. Computers with educational web sites and children's games sit on child-high counters with red-seated stools just right for the new computer generation.

An adjoining circular storytime room doubles as a performance area for children's programs. Soon after opening, the tackable wall coverings will showcase local children's art. Funhouse mirrors lining the entrance to the storytime room will jumpstart children's imaginations and tickle their funny bones.

"The new children's area will be a place to discover possibilities, alighting imagination and satisfying curiosity. All of us on the children's information services staff feel joy and a sense of fulfillment that we can do our best work in the new, larger space, with many more resources," said Patti O'Neill, Arvada Library children's information services librarian.





Economic development is more than sales and property taxes, jobs and income. While city economic developers pursue companies that bring jobs into the area or retail projects that add to the tax base, they understand there is more to a vital city.

How many, though, think of a library as a driver of economic development?

Yes, libraries support learning, freedom of speech, and access to information – but an increased tax base?

Studies show new libraries add to a city's economic health and reinvention. In 2000, the Urban Libraries Council reported, "... new public library facility projects... support the creators of urban vitality – people. Library services to people are providing important resources that contribute to economic development in America's cities."

In 1999, when the City of Arvada launched its Renaissance Initiative, citizens and city officials identified a new library in Olde Town as crucial to city plans. Then in 2001 Jefferson County Public Library invited a citizen's committee to help identify issues the library should consider in selecting a site for a new facility. Based on the committee's findings, the Library Board of Trustees decided to locate the new Arvada Library in Olde Town at West 57th Avenue and Webster Street.

Today Arvada has a stunning new library that is sure to add to the vitality of the community. It's a magnet that will draw people seeking information and enjoyment. "With cooperation, vision and an understanding of the needs of our citizens," Arvada Mayor Ken Fellman said, "a partnership of governmental organizations

is providing a new home for the library that will bring visitors to the new hub of our city – Olde Town."

In January 2005 the City of Arvada, the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and Jefferson County Public Library signed an intergovernmental agreement that created today's state-of-the-art facility. The city secured the land, the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority agreed to redevelop Olde Town Square, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners committed \$1 million for operating costs, and Jefferson County Public Library accepted responsibility for the \$9.9 million construction costs.

"The Grand Opening Ceremony will be a celebration of cooperation as well as a celebration of a valuable new asset for the city and library users across the county," Jefferson County Librarian Bill Knott said.

Jefferson County Public Library anticipates welcoming 40,000 patrons monthly to the new library. A community meeting room with doors opening to Olde Town Square, engaging teens' and children's areas, two study rooms for small groups, a quiet reading room for adults, and a convenient Internet Café with counters for patrons' wireless laptops combine to create a gathering place for citizens, building a greater sense of community and appreciation of the area.

Tim Steinhaus, director of Arvada Urban Renewal Authority said, "With the promise of 40,000 new visitors monthly, many of whom may have not yet visited the newly revitalized area, the library has the opportunity to awaken the potential of Olde Town."



# Arvada Library

7525 W. 57th Avenue

Arvada, CO 80002

(303) 403-5380

## Library hours:

Monday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	noon-5 p.m.

## How to get a library card

Jefferson County Public Library cards are available to all Colorado residents free of charge. To sign up for your card, go to the library's web site at <http://jefferson.lib.co.us> and click on the card application form or come to the checkout desk at any Jefferson County Public Library. All 10 Jefferson County Public Libraries have card application forms that can be mailed in or brought to a library checkout desk.

For persons 17 years and older, please bring a photo ID and proof of Colorado address to any location along with your completed application and receive your new card that day.

For persons under 17 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign your library card application. Bring your signed application to the library with your parent or guardian to receive your card that same day.

If you already have a Jefferson County Public Library card, have you traded it for one of the five newly designed cards? Stop by the new Arvada Library's accounts desk – or the checkout desk at one of our other nine libraries – to select your favorite design, and a new card is yours!



## Newly renovated Olde Town Square completes community center

Adjacent to the new Arvada Library sits the newly renovated Olde Town Square. Doors in the library's meeting room open directly onto the square, offering space for community events and programs. At the center of the square is an interactive fountain, providing entertainment and relief from summer heat for children of all ages. Benches and tables provide an ideal location to read a newly checked out book, or to gather with family for a picnic.

The enhanced Olde Town Square is funded by the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority and will be managed and maintained by the City of Arvada Parks and Recreation Department.

"We're excited to provide a welcoming and relaxing place where patrons can enjoy all that Olde Town Arvada has to offer," said Maureen Phair, Arvada Urban Renewal Authority redevelopment manager.

### By the numbers

- 300 tons of structural steel
- 3,000 square feet of glass
- 51,000 bricks
- 12 miles of computer cables
- 2,200 square feet of granite tile
- More than a mile of shelving
- 15,000 square feet of carpet
- More than a mile of books



# The Arvada Library is proud to join Olde Town Arvada businesses

Arvada Chamber of Commerce

Walt's Fine Upholstery

P. S. Graphics

Rose Weaving

Britina

Brookside Lending

Bank of Choice

Olde Town Pick N Parlor

Misty Hills Books

Hearts of Stone

Mi Tierra

House of Seasons

Twin Peaks Leather

The Art Peddler

Arvada Army Navy Surplus

Ophelia's Restaurant

Primo Vino

Rheinlander Bakery

Steve's Meat Market

Yours Truly

Hart's Dance and Gymnastics

A Positive Illusion

AllState Insurance Co.

The Carlton Co.

The Eggshell

CarQuest of Olde

Wadsworth Boulevard

Kars Inc.

Advanced Alignment and Exhaust

Fiducial

Eli Ashby Healing Arts Center  
of Arvada

Paws 'n' Play

Whimsicality

La Casita Imports

Hether's Salon

Nature's Gift Candleworks

The Grandview Tavern and Grill

Fiori di' Flavio

The Tea Rose Fine Teas and Gifts

Ramah Flower Co.

Olde Town Mortgage

Di Cicco's

Arvada Central Baptist Church

45 Degree Custom Framing  
and Gallery

K-9 Cuts Dog Grooming Salon

Olde Town Acupuncture and  
Wellness Center

The Quilted Moose

Thai Chile

American Family Insurance  
Deborah Pearson

Arvada Vineyard Church

PeaceJam Foundation

Festival Playhouse

Arvada Tavern

Old World Tattoo

Compass Real Estate

Cheshire Cat Brew & Pub

Creative Advertising

Pilates Movement for Life

Arvada Historical Society

Breadwinners

Arvada Hair Co.

12 Volt Tavern

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## Jefferson County Public Library Locations

### **ARVADA**

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Arvada, CO 80002  
(303) 403-5380

### **BELMAR**

555 S. Allison Pkwy.  
Lakewood City Commons  
Lakewood, CO 80226  
(720) 963-0900

### **COLUMBINE**

7706 W. Bowles Ave.  
Littleton, CO 80123  
(303) 932-2690

### **CONIFER**

Conifer High School,  
10441 Highway 73  
Conifer, CO 80433  
(303) 982-5310

### **EDGEWATER**

5843 W. 25th Ave.  
Edgewater, CO 80214  
(303) 463-3142

### **EVERGREEN**

5000 Hwy. 73  
(at Buffalo Park Rd.)  
Evergreen, CO 80439  
(303) 674-0780

### **GOLDEN**

1019 Tenth St.  
Golden, CO 80401  
(303) 279-4585

### **LAKESWOOD**

10200 W. 20th Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80215  
(303) 232-9507

### **STANDLEY LAKE**

8485 Kipling St.  
Arvada, CO 80005  
(303) 456-0806

### **WHEAT RIDGE**

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Wheat Ridge, CO 80212  
(32nd & Chase)  
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