

# PHPR Summit 2026

## Braided Futures: Crafting Community Amid Chaos

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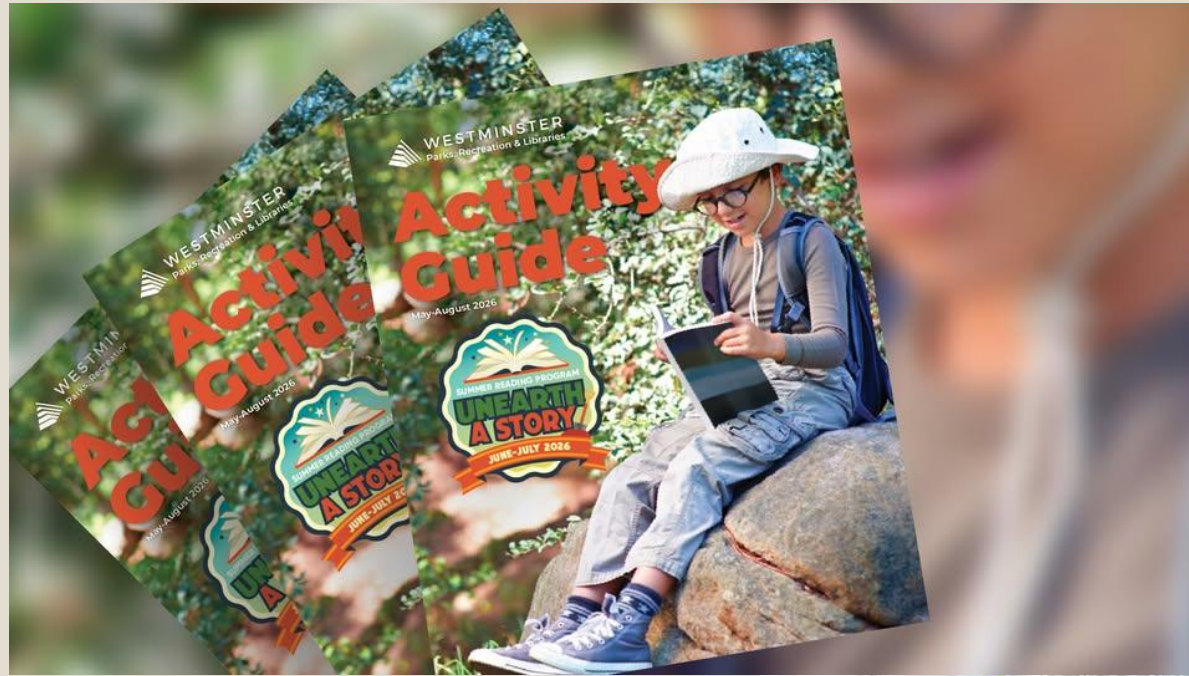


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# WELCOME TO CITY PARK RECREATION CENTER



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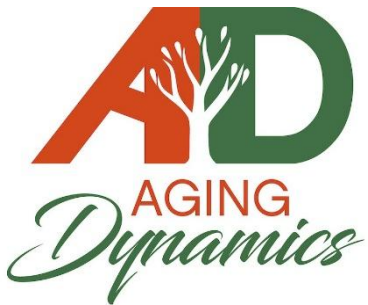
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# Special Shout Out To...



Unlock Your Leadership  
Potential – May 14, 2026

And...

The new Advanced  
Leadership Training  
Program (ALTP) Workshop  
Format

# Thank you to the PHPR Summit Planning Team

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**WHO'S  
HERE?**

# Things Look a Little Different...





## **CoPHPR Collaborative**

We want communities who are healthy, active, happy and safe in Colorado.

# Why do we need Braided Futures?



# CDC Funding Cuts in Limbo After Court Ruling



# U.S. Forest Service Faces Major Budget Cuts

# Vaccine Research Slashed in Federal Cuts



# NIH Grants Frozen: Scientists Warn of 'Catastrophic' Impact



# Climate Data Removed From Government Websites



# DEI Programs Dismantled at Federal Agencies



# Medicaid Cuts Threaten Local Health Funding



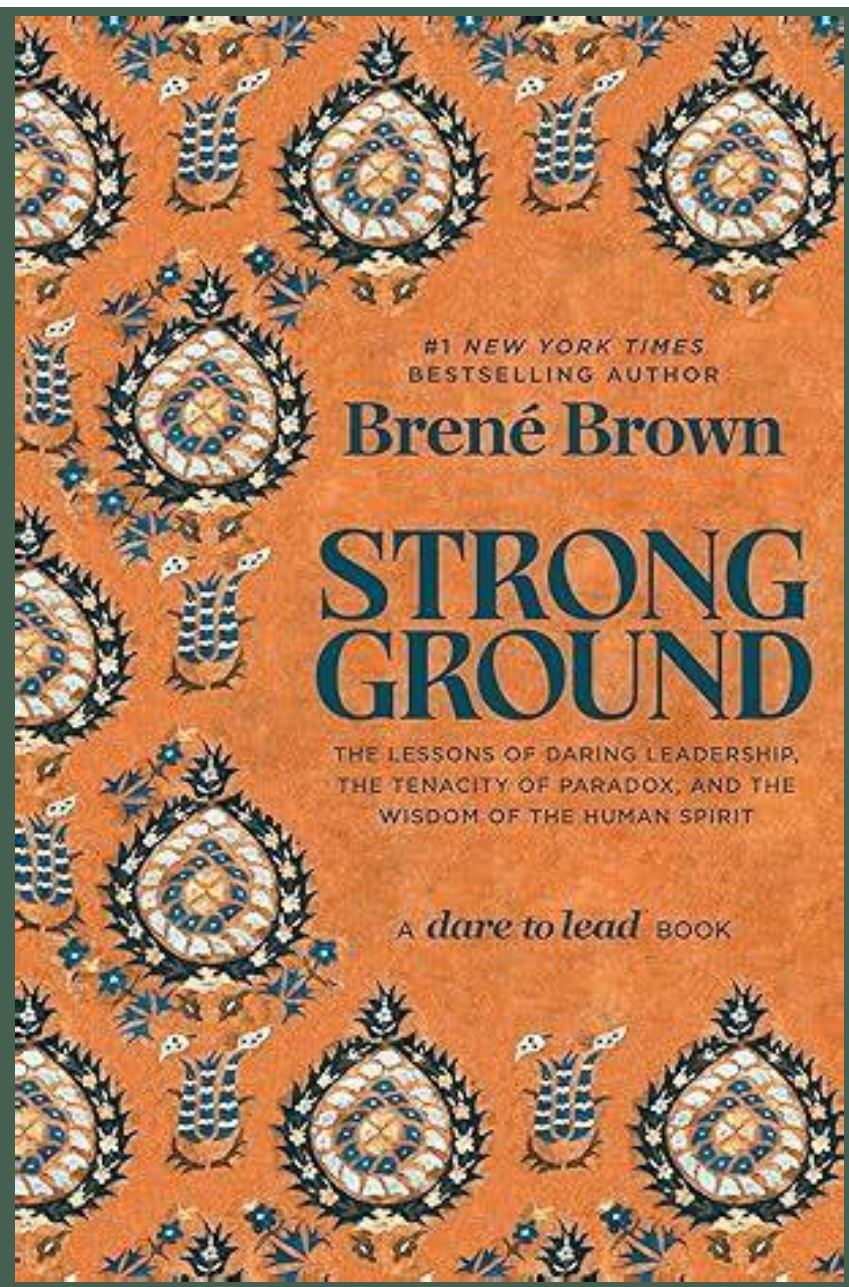
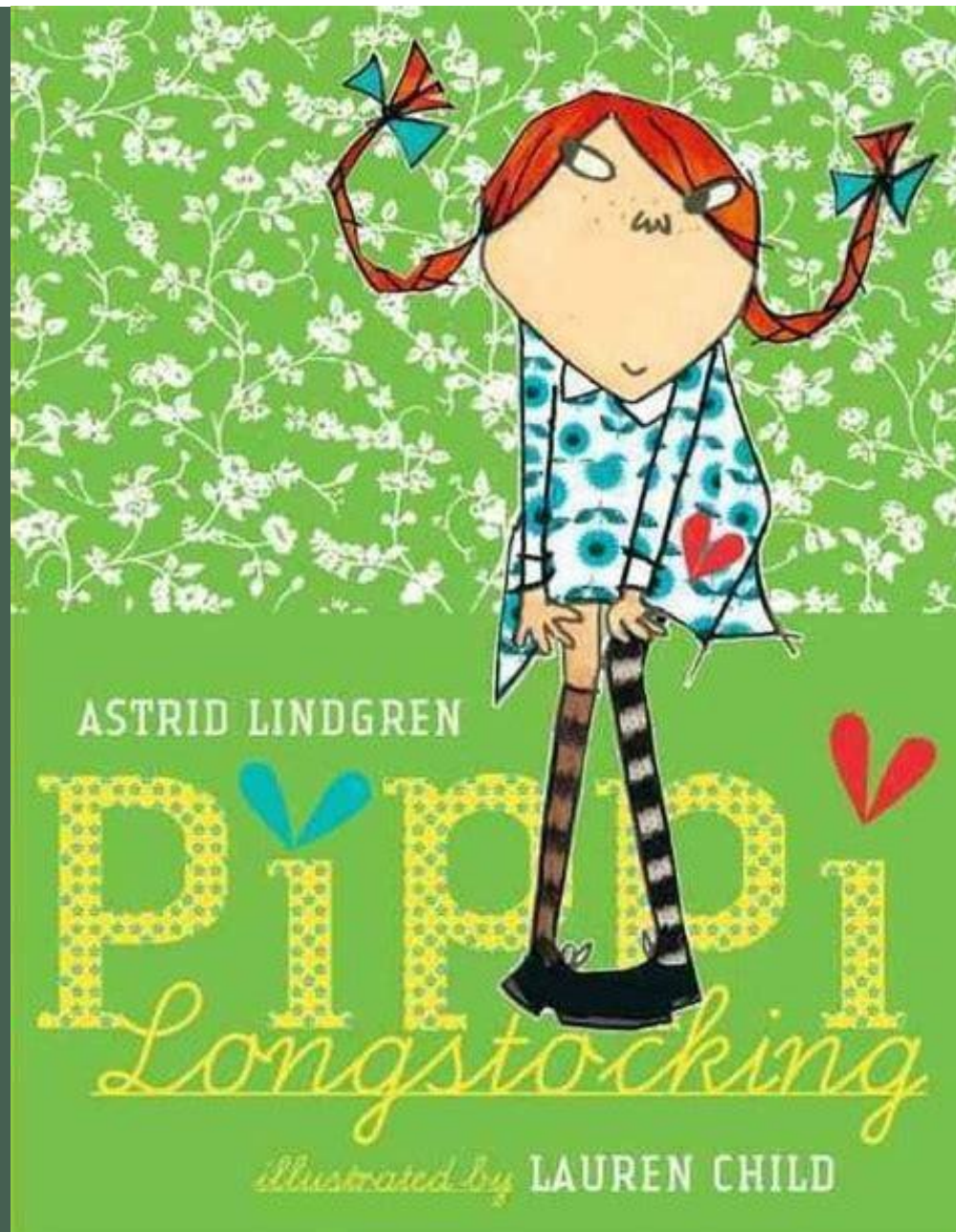
# Research Funding Blocked at Universities Nationwide



# Libraries Closing, Books Banned from Shelves









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# Crafting Community in this Room



# Write on the strips with a marker

One thing that is challenging you in your day to day

One thing that prevents you from serving your community the way you would like

One thing you'd like to let go of because it's no longer serving you

One way you'd like to collaborate with others to make an impact

Braid the strips with the 1<sup>st</sup> three questions – leave the 4<sup>th</sup> hanging





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# Connection Questions at Lunch



- ❖ What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?
- ❖ Share about a time when you went wild?
- ❖ Share about the street or neighborhood you grew up in?
- ❖ What's your "thing" outside of work and family?
- ❖ Think of one person in your life who has made an impact on you. How did you meet them?
- ❖ If you had unlimited resources, what passion would you pour that into?



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VISUALIZE INNOVATION

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**Thank you!**

# Braiding Our Futures... Crafting Community

One thing from today  
that gives you HOPE



# What's Next for the PHR Collaborative?



Interested  
in Being  
Involved?



# CLOSING REMARKS

Braided Futures:  
Crafting Community  
Amid Chaos



Valuable

Growth

Tenderhearted

Courageous

Collaboration

Connection

Community

# 12 PHPR SUMMITS

Vivacious

Supportive

Impactful

Intention

Visionary

Curiosity



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**PHPR SUMMIT 2026 VISUAL SCHEDULE**  
8:30-10:00 AM: Registration & Breakfast  
10:00-10:30 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks  
10:30-11:30 AM: Keynote: The Future of Parks & Recreation  
11:30-12:00 PM: Lunch & Networking  
12:00-1:00 PM: Breakout Session: Community Engagement  
1:00-2:00 PM: Breakout Session: Parks & Recreation  
2:00-3:00 PM: Breakout Session: Public Health  
3:00-4:00 PM: Breakout Session: Recreation  
4:00-5:00 PM: Breakout Session: Parks & Recreation  
5:00-6:00 PM: Reception & Networking  
6:00-7:00 PM: Dinner & Entertainment





**Join us afterwards at BJ's  
Restaurant and Brewhouse  
for a Healthy Happy Hour**

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