

# Low-Cost Winter Activity Guide

While winter time in Colorado can be unpredictable, CASA visits never should be! Check out this list of ideas to help inspire & prepare for your next winter visit.

## Community Activities



### **Free Museum Days**

Make learning fun!

#### **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

Monday, December 8, 2025  
9 am - 5 pm

#### **Denver Art Museum**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
10 am - 8 pm



### **Cherry Creek Holiday Market**

Enjoy a day of holiday festivities from Nov. 20–Dec. 24, 2025!

The Cherry Creek North Holiday Market at Fillmore Plaza features more than 50 local artisan vendors, live music, and festive decor. The market is free, open to the public and family- and dog-friendly.



### **Story Time at Tattered Cover Kids in Stanley Marketplace**

Share stories & make memories!

Stop by for a special story time with the Tattered Cover's best booksellers! Join every Wednesday at 11 am or Sunday at 2 pm. Feel free to check out everything else Stanley Marketplace has to offer while you're at it!



### **Go Sledding at Meadowood Recreation Center**

Make it a winter adventure!

Meadowood Recreation Center boasts the ultimate winter wonderland, featuring top-tier snow hills that promise a day of exhilarating sledding and tubing adventures! With two meticulously crafted slopes catering to thrill-seekers and those seeking a gentler ride, it's the perfect destination for some free winter excitement.



### **Attend a Class or Workshop at Your Local Library!**

Learn new skills & meet new people!

#### **Aurora Library Event Calendar**

Featuring: Toddler Storytime, Music Groups, Designing Your Own Scarf, Sewing Machines 101, Laser Engraving, Block Painting & More!

#### **Arapahoe Libraries Event Calendar**

Featuring: Bedazzled Book Covers, Cornhusk Doll Workshop, Afternoon Tea, Classic Game Club, Cooking Classes, & More!

#### **Douglas County Libraries Event Calendar**

Featuring: Bark for Books, Recording Studio Orientation, Seasonal Tea Tastings, Holiday Craft/Gift Workshops, & More!



### **Mayor's Holiday Lighting in Castle Rock**

Get into the holiday spirit!

Where: O'Brien Park  
Enjoy a Silent Night Sing-along and then count down to the Town Tree and Grand Park Lighting. After the lights have been lit, enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season with walk-around entertainment, ice sculptures, food vendors, and stage performances from Parker-area high school choirs.

# General Activities



## Warm & Fuzzy Closet

**Toys, games, coats, puzzles & more!**

The Warm & Fuzzy Closet at the Advocates for Children CASA office is stocked year-round with toys, games, electronics, winter clothing, and more. Feel free to stop by to pick something out for your assigned child/youth, even if you plan to use it together during a visit!



## Movie Marathon at CASA Office

**Get cozy & stay warm!**

Stream a movie at the CASA office, enjoy our snacks, and make some hot cocoa! Maybe you bring pillows and blankets from home to make a movie fort!



## Create a Scavenger Hunt

**Practice problem solving with children of all ages. So much room for creativity!**

Create a scavenger hunt with clues and tasks throughout the child/youth's community, a park, or at the CASA Office (ChatGPT is a great resource for this)! Work on problem-solving skills and collaboration. Maybe grab a prize from the Warm and Fuzzy closet for the end of the visit! This can be recreated in different spaces and seasons.



## Build Something

**Collaborate to create!**

Grab a Lego set or Play-Doh from the Warm and Fuzzy Closet and work on building something incredible together! Maybe you and your assigned CASA youth sketch a blueprint before you begin. Maybe you build a shelter for their toys and stuffed animals. Maybe you add something new to your building/sculpture at every visit!



## Games

**Bring a board game or deck of cards from home!**

Have a favorite game that you'd like to introduce to your assigned CASA child/youth? Bring it to your visit! Play a board game or cards at their house, the library, a restaurant, or the CASA office!



## CASA's Little Library

**Curl up with a good book!**

Stop by the CASA office to visit the Little Library! Curl up with a good book or two of your assigned CASA youth's choice. Maybe you grab a snack, a drink, and a toy from the Warm & Fuzzy Closet while you're there as well!



## DIY Hot Cocoa Bar

**Warm up with a sugar rush!**

Stop by the store for instant hot cocoa and toppings (marshmallows, candy canes, whipped cream, sprinkles, etc.). Set everything up for your assigned CASA youth and let them make their own delicious masterpiece!



## Write a Play, a Story, or Choreograph a Dance

**Dance, sing, act, & imagine!**

Use your imagination to write a play, a story, or to come up with a dance. Let your CASA youth take the lead! Choose who you would like to perform it for (parents, foster parents, GAL, siblings, etc.) and begin planning a mini event! Maybe you make costumes, decorate a space, and create invitations! This will give you both something new to look forward to.

## Have Fun!

For any specific resource questions or thoughts, please feel free to reach out to our Development Coordinator.

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