

Under the Colonnade:

News From Livingston's Historic Depot



🕒 2021: The Dawn of a New Day 🕒

Dear friends,

All of us at the Depot are ready to welcome a new year. While we know that 2021 will not erase the hardship so many of our community members have faced this year, we can't wait until it is safe to welcome everyone back to events and exhibits as another reason to explore downtown Livingston.

We have some great things planned for 2021 and look forward to reconnecting with each and every one of you. We are cautiously optimistic as we plan exciting exhibits and incredible events for next summer.

While we were unable to bring large groups of people together this year, 2020 taught us that consciously designed museum exhibits are one of the safest ways to get out of the house and find much-needed mental stimulation. We are diving headfirst into making our 2021 exhibits the best ever. We are also planning some great programming which we will reassess continually to ensure community safety. We'll keep you updated on what the new year means for the Depot.

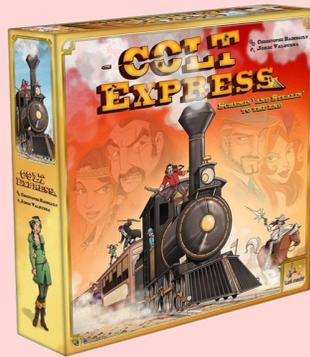
Let's take the lessons we've learned from 2020—lessons on adaptability, disappointment, and most importantly, community—into the future to enrich the lives of residents and visitors of this special place.

Wishing you health and happiness in the New Year,

Laura McCarthy Cota

🕒 Members get 10% off Unique Gifts this Holiday Season 🕒

Downtown Livingston is full of incredible small businesses to support this holiday season. Here is a sampling of the unique items the Depot offers in our gift shop. Looking for some great train-themed toys, great books, or Depot swag to show your support? Give us a call and use your membership discount!

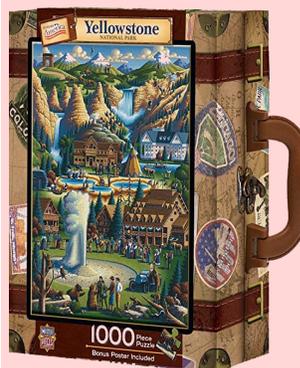


Warm up with a Depot Center mug...we've got travel mugs too!

Become a train bandit and play Colt Express—a strategic board game for all ages!



Travel to Yellowstone with this beautiful puzzle that even comes in its own suitcase.



The Depot has a great selection of local authors, railroad history, and Yellowstone guidebooks. Plus, we have toys for train lovers!

☪ **New for 2021!**

O-Scale Model of the Livingston Depot

Duane Danielson has been a train buff for his entire life. "My history of railroad interests stem from my retired grandfather (a 50 year old veteran as section foreman on the Northern Pacific). When I was five years old he took me up in the cab of a NP W-3 class Mikado and let me blow the whistle and ring the bell. From that time on I was hooked on model railroading," Danielson told *O-Scale Magazine* for its feature article on his impressive layout.

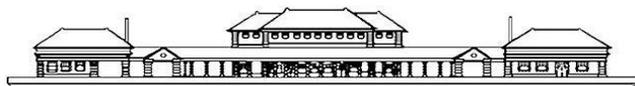


While downsizing his Durango home, Mr. Danielson contacted the Depot with an amazing donation: an O-scale model of the entire Depot complex.

The accuracy of the complex is unparalleled. Danielson tracked down copies of the Depot's original blueprints from the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association. He then teamed up with a CAD (computer aided design) specialist to digitally render the drawings and laser cut the walls, windows, and columns. Danielson spent months assembling the pieces and adding detailing like bricks, monads, a bustling ticket booth, and even a secretary pool huddled over their typewriters on the third floor.



The experts at the Livingston Model Railroaders will be reassembling the complex after its move and getting this masterpiece ready as a focal point of the main floor of the Depot exhibit hall in time for our 2021 museum season.



Members are at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who joined, who renewed, who gave the gift of membership, or who encouraged a friend.

Keep spreading the word about the Depot!

☪ **Holiday Lights 2020:**

A Light in the Darkness



2020 marks the fifth annual Holiday Lights display in Depot-Rotary Park. As so many holiday traditions are adapted or foregone this year, the illumination of our downtown park is one tradition that continues to bring joy to all.

The Holiday Lights Committee, members of the Livingston Business Improvement District, and over forty light lovers gathered at the Depot Park on Thanksgiving night to "turn on" the holiday spirit. A total of 50,000 lights illuminated at the same time, lighting up the night sky and kicking off the holiday season in beautiful downtown Livingston. The lights shine every night through the holiday season, and the ever-popular Children's Christmas Train is also back at the Lewis and Clark Memorial.

"Everything you see in the park was graciously and with great civic awareness donated by too many people and businesses to mention," said Ed O'Donnell, member of the Holiday Lights Committee, who coordinates the project from asking for donations of funding and supplies to personally laying over 1,000 feet of extension cord.

One holiday tradition the Depot will miss profoundly is the Tree of Life Ceremony hosted by Livingston HealthCare Home Health and Hospice. It has served as a time for reflection and has featured the voices of the Park High choir raised in honor to so many loved ones.

This tradition has been going on for so many years at the Depot, that a sapling planted after the ceremony one year now towers over 30 feet, and is decked in green and red lights. As always, friends and family are invited to visit this enduring symbol of life, love, and the support of our community. The scroll of names will be on display at LHC throughout the year, and the newest Tree of Life will shine outside the hospital.

