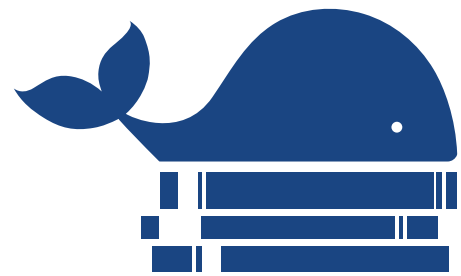




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## WHALE OF A USED Book Sale

### LOOK WHAT'S COMING! Our Fall Whale of a Used Book Sale

Don't miss it! Thousands and thousands of high-quality used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, children's books, teen fiction and nonfiction, audio tapes and vintage books and maps are all available at JCLF's fall Whale of a Used Book Sale at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds!

**Friday through Sunday, October 19 - 21**

**Friday hours:**

- Early Bird open, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. (\$10 entry fee for adults)
- Free to the public, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday hours:**

- Free to the public, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Half-price day for Jeffco employees, educators and Friends of the Library (with ID)

**Sunday hours:**

- Free to the public, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Bag Day – grocery-sized bag of books for \$6

Friends-only Preview Night (for Friends of the Library) is Thursday, October 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Want to volunteer? If so, you can earn two free books for each four-hour shift for help with pre-event set-up or during the event.

For details, visit [jeffcolibrary.org](http://jeffcolibrary.org) and click on "Volunteer."



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# Welcoming Our Newest Board Members

The Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) is pleased to introduce our newest Board members!



**Sally Reed** joined the Board of Directors last summer, and she comes to us with a long career in the nonprofit realm. Most recently, Sally was the director of development for the Action Center in Lakewood. Prior to that, she was the executive director for Clinica Colorado, and the director of membership for Rocky Mountain PBS. Currently, Sally is the director of the Obesity Treatment Foundation.



As the director of marketing for her family's business, Pinkard Construction, **Jessica Nichols** is a self-professed "social media geek." Jessica designs custom software systems, and she graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in computer science. She's a co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout Troop, and she's also a member of the local chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS).



**Ron Benson** is a realtor with Keller Williams and is part of the McDonald Group, in partnership with his wife. He was formerly the director of Parks, Trails and Building Grounds in Douglas County, and prior to that, he was manager of Leisure

Services for Jefferson County Open Space. Ron is the current president of the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club and is a past vice president of Optimist International (Southwest Region).



**Deborah Deal** is not only a new JCLF Board member, she is also an appointed Trustee of Jefferson County Public Library, and she serves as our Foundation's Library liaison. Deb is an accredited public relations executive (APR) and the CEO of IX

Power Foundation based in Golden. She also directs marketing initiatives for IX Power Clean Water. Deb joined the JCLF Board of Directors last fall.



Lakewood resident **Caleb Amyot** is an account manager with CenturyLink and, in his volunteer life, he has been an ice hockey coach and has worked with Trout Unlimited. Caleb joined the JCLF Board in July 2018 because he

feels that his "strong background in education ties nicely with JCLF's charter and objectives."



**Donna Walker** joins our JCLF Board of Directors and at the same time takes the helm as the new executive director for Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL). Donna was previously JCPL's Director of Public

Services. She came to Jefferson County from the Arapahoe Library District where she served in various capacities, most recently as Manager for Neighborhood Libraries, Services to Children and Families, and Outreach.

We welcome these Board members to the Jefferson County Library Foundation!

**We are proud to announce that Sally Reed will be taking on the role as president of JCLF's Board of Directors.**

She will begin her term in office this September. Sally has over 25 years of experience working in nonprofits in the metro Denver community, and is stepping into the shoes of the former Board president, Tami Bandimere, who has been a champion for the Foundation for more than a decade. Sally is also a member of the Governance Committee.

At the same time, TJ Bowen will begin his service as JCLF's new Board vice president, replacing long-time JCLF advocate and Board member Jeannie Mann. TJ joined our Foundation Board in 2015, and is employed at Civicore, a local IT company. He is also the chair of JCLF's Development Committee.

# ROCK THE BOOKS REALLY DID ROCK!



We are happy to say that this year's Summer Reading program – with the theme of Rock the Books – was a record breaker! Nearly 45,000 Jeffco residents participated in the annual reading challenge, and collectively they read more than 49 million minutes.

As part of the reading incentive, our Foundation provided a \$500 cash prize to Foothills Animal

Shelter when readers passed the initial goal of reading 40 million minutes.

The eight-week event (held from June 1 through July 31) also provided prizes and incentives to individual participants. For babies and toddlers involved in the program's extracurricular activities, JCPL offered baby toys and free admission to Lakeside Amusement Park when they registered for the program, followed by a book prize at the half-way mark (when children completed 16 literacy-related activities). At the finish line (after completing 32 activities), the young participants were entered in a prize drawing to win a portrait package (including prints and a sitting fee) which was valued at \$500.

Other prizes for children, teens and adults included: free kids meals or buy one get one free Chipotle burrito coupons, an unlimited rides pass at Lakeside Amusement Park or Elitch Gardens, book bags, free

books and entries in a prize drawing to receive a pair of movie tickets each month over a period of one year. Again this year, JCLF offered cash prizes to schools that had the highest percentage of their student body finish the Summer Reading program.

Events and activities highlighting this year's program included drone pilot camp, coding camps, face painting, performances by the Maroon Bells Morris Dancers, arts and crafts, family yoga story time, zen doodling and rock painting, building rocket planes, family nature walks, crawdad catching and much more!

We are grateful to this year's Summer Reading sponsors for their support: FirstBank, the Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation, Kinder Morgan Foundation and the Madigan Foundation.



# Balefire Goods hosts month of fundraising for JCLF

This August, the Jefferson County Library Foundation was selected as the nonprofit of the month at **Balefire Goods**, a unique and one-of-a-kind store located in Old Towne Arvada. As part of that honor, the store gave back five percent of the month's sales as a donation to our organization.

"It's important for me to support libraries, where information is free and accessible to all," stated store owner Jamie Hollier, who also has a Master's in Library Science.

Balefire Goods sells an array of original artisan items such as jewelry and leather products, along with items for the home, including storage capsules and wooden trivets. We are grateful for this show of support for JCLF. Thank you, Balefire Goods!





## Paula Woodward featured at Author Lecture



Jeffco Undersheriff Patricia Mundell (L) enjoys a moment with author Paula Woodward.

More than 20 years ago, the nation was shocked by the death of JonBenét Ramsey, the tiny, six-year-old beauty pageant princess who was found murdered in the basement of her Boulder home in December 1996. It was a homicide that rocked our community, and yet the case has never been solved.

Paula Woodward, an award-winning author and former investigative journalist from Channel 9, KUSA-TV,

reported on that story from its very beginning. In 2016, Woodward wrote a book about the murder, and the title of the book began with the killer's own four ominous words scrawled in a ransom note found at the crime scene – *We Have Your Daughter: The Unsolved Murder of JonBenét Ramsey, Twenty Years Later*. Woodward's in-depth account of events surrounding JonBenét's death was the focal point of *Murder, She Writes!*, a fundraising luncheon, audience-interactive conversation and book signing that JCLF hosted at the Club at Rolling Hills on Friday, April 27. Neal Browne, Woodward's former KUSA colleague and a JCLF Board member, served as our event emcee.

We are grateful to these event sponsors for their support: ICON Eye Care, Legal Shield, Cat Care Society, Rocky Mountain Safety & Security, Jackie O'Beirne, DDS, Front Range Workplace IT and the Taurus Fund.

## Jefferson County Library Foundation Receives \$5,000 from Pen & Podium Series

The Jefferson County Library Foundation was honored to be a 2017/18 honoree of the Denver Post Community Foundation's Pen & Podium author lecture series. At each of the five presentations in the series, select Denver-area nonprofits – those who help support literacy-related causes – were featured and then awarded a \$5,000 check.

Earlier this year, on Monday, March 12, Foundation Executive Director Jo Schantz received the "big" check from award-winning playwright and screenwriter Tony Kushner. Kushner is a playwright and screenwriter who wrote the stage play *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, and he penned screenplays for the films *Munich* and *Lincoln*.

At the check presentation, and as a surprise bonus, Kushner agreed to match the Pen & Podium dollars with

an added \$5,000 gift to the Foundation! Our sincere thanks go out to the Denver Post Community Foundation, the Pen & Podium author lecture series and to writer Tony Kushner.



(L-R) President/CEO Tracy Ulmer, Denver Post Community Foundation, author Tony Kushner and Jo Schantz, executive director, JCLF

## GIFTS GIVEN IN TRIBUTE...

Karen Hunley in memory of Dorothy Kennedy

Anonymous in honor of Katy Monnier

Dr. Natalie Greene in memory of Phyllis Greene

Joan Eddy in memory of her father, Dick Fischbach

Cheri Cohn in honor of Pam Nissler

### Gifts given in memory of Phyllis Alexander

Elizabeth Boxler

Judy Alexander Eitzman

Robert and Melba Oyer

Janeen Pledger

Suzan Seitzer

## Director's Notes



You've undoubtedly heard the phrase "back by popular demand." Well, that's why you are seeing our *Footnotes* newsletter back in print! We heard from so many of you since we stopped the publication last year, and we learned that you wanted us to go back to printing the newsletter.

I hope you will enjoy this latest issue.

As I write this, I'm looking at the past year and all the successes we've had with our many grants, our special appeals, used book sales and our fund raising events. I'm so grateful to you – our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and the Friends of the Library – for your ongoing support.

I'm also looking at the transitions that are now occurring. We are saying a heartfelt good-bye to our long-time members of the JCLF Board of Directors – Tami Bandimere, who has served as the Board president, Jeannie Mann, who has held the role as Board vice president, and Pam Nissler, who is retiring as JCPL's executive director.

I applaud each of these Board members for their many years of service to the Foundation.

At the same time, I'm extending a warm welcome to the individuals who will be taking their places – Sally Reed is our incoming Board president, TJ Bowen is accepting the role as Board vice president and Donna Walker, the new executive director for Jefferson County Public Library, will join our Board as well.

I am very appreciative of all the volunteers who serve our Foundation – as Board members, warehouse volunteers, Whale Sale volunteers, Gift Shop volunteers, office assistants and those who are our ambassadors, representing JCLF at special events held throughout Jefferson County.

Thank you!

Jo Schantz, MNM, CFRE  
Executive Director  
Jefferson County Library Foundation

## Foundation Board 2018

President	Sally Reed
Vice President	TJ Bowen
Secretary	Jamie Tafoya
Treasurer	Ana Rojas-Artica

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Ron Benson	Jessica Nichols
Neal Browne	Tim Rogers
Deborah Deal	Donna Walker

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*The mission of JCLF is to support and enrich the capabilities, resources and services of the Jefferson County Public Library through fundraising and advocacy efforts that benefit our diverse community.*

Footnotes is a newsletter for Friends of the Jefferson County Public Library, and we welcome your input. Please contact the Friends office at 303.403.5075 or [friends@jeffcolibrary.org](mailto:friends@jeffcolibrary.org) with submissions.





## DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> IS COLORADO GIVES DAY

Multiply the Good. This is a tagline that JCLF uses in its Friends membership promotions, and it also applies to one singular day of giving that has become a mainstay in our charitable community – Colorado Gives Day. Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, will mark the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this annual campaign, one where donors will be asked to contribute online, during a 24-hour period, to charities via ColoradoGives.org. For the ninth consecutive year, Community First Foundation and FirstBank are partnering to



present Colorado Gives Day. More than \$253 million has been raised for Colorado nonprofits through ColoradoGives.org since 2007.

The Jefferson County Library Foundation is proud to once again be a part of this event, and we are asking you to please remember us and give generously on Colorado Gives Day. You can schedule your contribution ahead of time starting November 1! Visit [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org) to learn more.

## OUR SPECTACULAR WHALE SALES!

### If you didn't visit this year's Spring Whale of a Used Book Sales June 1-3, here's what you missed:

- Thousands of good used books (both hardback and paperback) that were on sale for \$3 or less
- Bert's Weathered & Treasured corner, where we offered vintage books, maps and unique collectibles
- A whole selection of vinyl LP records
- Tables full of CDs and DVDs
- Wall-to-wall children's books
- A special Friends-only Preview Night
- Saturday's half-price sales day for Jeffco employees, educators and Friends of the Library
- And Sunday's "bag day," where shoppers paid just \$6 for grocery-size bags of books.

Each spring, JCLF hosts this successful sale at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, and spring 2018 was no exception. Our numbers tell the story – more than 4,500 individuals attended the event, and they browsed, collected and purchased nearly 80,000 items. The best part is that JCLF raised

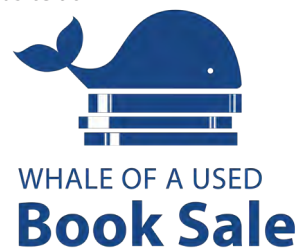
more than \$75,000 at our spring sale, and those funds will help provide support for Jefferson County Public Library.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming fall Whale of a Used Book Sale that will be held Friday through Sunday, October 19 through 21, at the Fairgrounds.

That Friday, we will open at 8 a.m. for an Early Bird admission fee of \$10 per adult. The event opens free to the public at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The hours are the same for Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Sunday the sale is free and open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends of the Library are invited to a special Preview Night on Thursday, October 18, prior to the sale's opening to the public, and they can shop and purchase books and other items from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. that evening.

We always need good volunteers to help us produce these amazing events, and you can sign up to volunteer by visiting our website at [jeffcolibraryfoundation.org](http://jeffcolibraryfoundation.org) or call us at 303-403-5075.

Please also visit our website for more information on other volunteer opportunities and upcoming JCLF events!



## VERIZON FOUNDATION HELPS FUND STEMGIRLS

Above: 2018 Girls in STEM competition winners receive cash awards for their schools at the International Women's Day Luncheon



Girls in STEM winners from Bell Junior High are all smiles as they show off their trophies.

This past year, JCLF was thrilled to have received a gift of \$10,000 from the Verizon Foundation for the Golden Library's pilot project, STEMGirls. The program launched in 2016 in partnership with Bell Middle School and its girl-focused iSTEM program. Monthly program meetings were held in the Library during after-school hours throughout the school year.

For the past two years, the Golden Library has hosted a Girls in STEM competition for young women in grades 5-8. The Library has also collaborated with

DECTech, Colorado School of Mines' outreach program that is carried out by female students and designed for girls. Each year, DECTech students serve as judges and mentors for the competition, in which more than 130 middle school girls have presented multiple projects to date, ranging from mechanical prosthetics and modular housing to nutrition and disease prevention. This year, more than 80 teen and tween girls participated in this program and the annual competition.

Like the monthly in-Library programs, participation in the Girls in STEM competition has exceeded all expectations, and has "closed the loop," so to speak, on encouraging girls to enter this career field. The middle school girls, who have served as monthly mentors to younger girls, were afforded the unique opportunity to work with Mines undergraduate and graduate women in STEM fields. Winners of the Girls in STEM competition have been honored each of the past two years at the Jefferson County International Women's Day Luncheon held in March.

Recently, JCLF received a second gift of \$10,000 from the Verizon Foundation to help support the STEMGirls program along with the Girls Who Code program in 2018-2019.

Thank you, Verizon Foundation, for your support!



## Our 2018 Grantors and Special Donors

Each year, JCLF is charged with raising thousands of dollars to help support Jefferson County Public Library programs, events and activities. And each year, we rely on gifts from a variety of supporters and sponsors to help us generate those funds. We extend our sincere thanks to these donors for their generous contributions!

Through grants and Library program sponsorships, and so far this year, we have had a tremendous showing of support from the following funders:

### 2018 Summer Reading Program

- Kinder Morgan Foundation
- Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation
- The Madigan Foundation
- FirstBank

### STEMGirls

- Verizon Foundation (2 gifts)

### Golden Library (DIY/Makerspace and Early Literacy)

- Golden Civic Foundation

### Wheat Ridge Library (Kids and Teen programs)

- City of Wheat Ridge
- Vectra Bank, Wheat Ridge branch

In addition, and via requests that were approved in fall 2017, we also received dollars that have helped to fund these programs and activities in 2018:

### Arvada Center Book Fest

- Linda and Terrance Stevinson

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

- Rose Community Foundation
- Buell Foundation

### Raise a Reader

- Rose Community Foundation
- Solera Bank

### Golden Library (Library for All)

- City of Golden

### JCLF general operating support

- The Foundation at Rolling Hills
- Community First Foundation

## JCLF USED BOOK SALES ARE ALSO ONLINE!

Are you looking for some unique books, perhaps as gifts for a special person or to add to your personal collection? Did you know that you can shop for these kinds of books AND support the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) at the same time?

Our online, "virtual storefront," Jeffco Friends, has been up and running for nearly three years now, and we can tell you that business is booming! Last year, JCLF generated nearly \$18,000 through this small enterprise, which is continuing to grow year by year.

At JCLF, we use both eBay and Amazon for our online book sales, and these in-house sales are comprised mostly of vintage collectibles and rare books – typically books that you'll see without the usual bar codes.

Here are links to our sales websites:

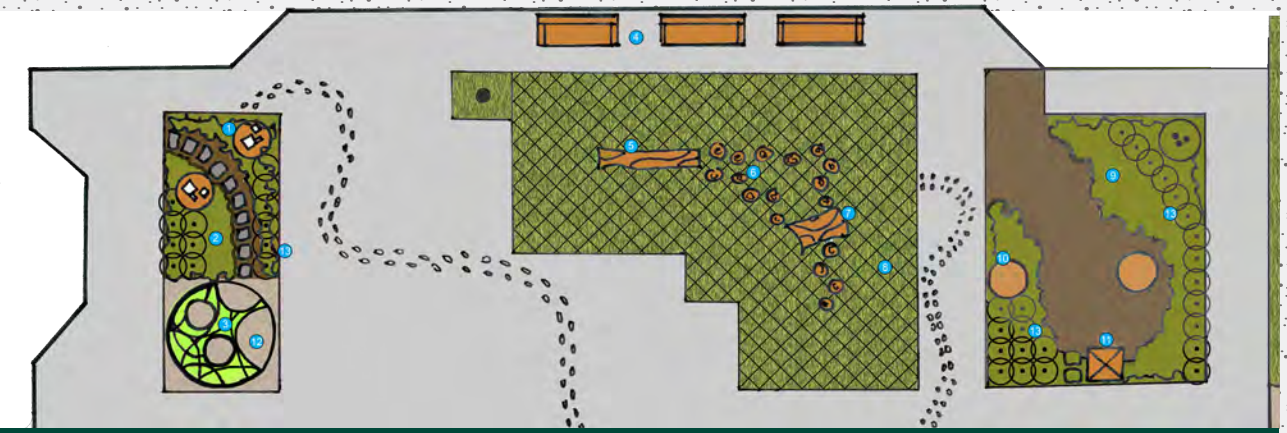
<http://www.ebay.com/usr/jeffcofriends>

<http://amazon.com/shops/jeffcofriends>

If you click the tab on the eBay page to "see all items" or "items for sale," you can scroll through a list of books for sale. Once you've viewed those, you can go look on the left side of the page under SHOW ONLY and click on SOLD LISTINGS and see the last 80 or so books we have sold. Recently, we sold one set of dictionaries for \$600!

Most of these books come from individual donations, often from families who are downsizing or moving. As a bonus, these contributions are tax deductible! We also sell books that have been de-accessioned by Jefferson County Public Library. We do not accept donations of VHS tapes, cassettes or magazines. We do accept audio tapes, DVDs, CDs and vinyl (LP) records.

Our goal is to help find good homes for good books here in Jefferson County. If you have books to donate, you can stop by our warehouse at 10790 W. 50th Avenue, #200, in Wheat Ridge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions, call 303-403-5075. For more information, visit [jeffcolibrary.org](http://jeffcolibrary.org).



## NEW OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SPACE

Thanks to some very generous donors, our Foundation has been able to help JCPL provide a new and unique outdoor learning environment at the Standley Lake Library.

The groundbreaking ceremony for this new Outdoor Adventure Space took place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, outside the Library at 8485 Kipling St., in Arvada.

In 2016, Foundation supporter Allison Brigham contacted JCLF on behalf of her father, Arvada resident Warren Roeske, who was seeking a way to honor his deceased wife, Shirley M. Roeske, an ardent Library advocate. JCPL suggested the Outdoor Adventure Space, and over the past two years, Warren and his daughter have donated \$15,000 to seed the effort. In addition, a second

anonymous donor contributed \$35,000, giving us the funds needed to help install Phase I of this ambitious project.

The Discover Together: Outdoor Adventure Space, designed by Learning Landscapes, will provide tools and opportunities for children to engage in unstructured play in an outdoor environment. In addition, it extends the Library's commitment to help children be ready to read when they enter kindergarten and continue to support their learning as they grow.

The project, located outside the children's area on the east side of the Library, will offer two separate play areas, featuring benches and log steppers, as well as tools to spark imaginative play and learning, such as a willow house, sensory garden, fairy stumps and an insect hotel. A majority of the construction will be completed this fall, with additional elements added next spring. A formal grand opening will be held early summer 2019.

## Thanking our Friends Community Partners

For the past two years, JCLF has enlisted the annual support of key corporate sponsors – our Friends Community Partners – who help us fulfill our mission to provide fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library. This year, six key supporters stepped forward.

Friends Community Partners contribute a cash gift that entitles them to receive recognition at our events and activities, on our website, social media and print materials and to gain overall acknowledgement as our year-long organizational supporters.

This year, our Friends Community Partners include:

- Westerra Credit Union
- Bandimere Speedway
- Pinkard Construction
- Stevinson Toyota West
- Etkin Johnson Real Estate Partners
- Bean Fosters

We are delighted to count these corporate contributors as our 2018 Friends Community Partners!





## Stouts & Stories/Ales & Tales Launched Sept. 27



### HEADS UP, BEER LOVERS!

JCLF hosted a kick-off beer-tasting event on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Lamar Street Center in Arvada, from 5 to 9 p.m. This ticketed event helped us launch the Jeffco

Craft Beer Tour – a free, self-guided event that will be ongoing across the county Sept. 28 - Nov. 11.

Participants simply grab onto a free “passport” (available at Jeffco branches of Westerra Credit Union and at all Jeffco branch libraries), collect a series of stamps per each brewery visit, and earn great prizes. Passports can be redeemed for prizes at any of the four Westerra Credit Union branch locations in Jefferson County. Learn more at [jeffcolibraryfoundation.org](http://jeffcolibraryfoundation.org)!

Our kick-off event featured beer tastings (from 12 Jeffco breweries), food trucks, games and prizes (including corn hole and giant beer pong), a fun photo booth for our beer-loving guests, a VIP private viewing of the Cool Car Collection and speakers from two local breweries who helped guests learn more about craft brewing. We also enjoyed live entertainment by the band Half Pint and the Growlers. KOOL 105 radio personalities Melanie Rutledge and Jim Berry helped us out with door prize drawings, and JCLF Board member Neal Browne served as our emcee.

Many thanks to our event sponsors: Westerra Credit Union, Cat Care Society, High Point Financial Group, Picocyl, West and Main Homes, AMI Mechanical, Nocturnal Tattoo, Guaranty Bank, Sw33t.com Graphics, the Taurus Fund and Sally Reed. Our media sponsors included KOOL 105 and Colorado Community Media.

recognize the generosity of those who are making charitable estate gifts or are making a current gift to the Foundation’s endowment.

JCLF’s Legacy Chapter represents a group of special donors who want to ensure that the Foundation provides a sustainable source of ongoing funding for Jefferson County Public Library.

Membership is available to all donors who agree to make an estate gift of any dollar amount to the Jefferson County Library Foundation. Donors who want to be recognized as part of our Legacy Chapter are asked to inform us of their plans by filling out a Donor Letter of Intent that we can send to you.

Legacy Chapter contributions will be used to grow the Foundation’s endowment and may be designated by the donor for specific purposes.

Our supporters can also become members of the Legacy Chapter in another way – and while they are still living – through our new Giving Circles.

A contribution of at least \$5,000 (up to \$9,999) will qualify you as a member of the Director’s Circle. For gifts starting at \$10,000 and above, you qualify as a member of the President’s Circle. Through either level of contribution, donors can choose to earmark their gift to help support a specific library program, or they can designate dollars to grow the general fund. Charter members of the Legacy Chapter can also name their endowment gift.

To learn more about the Legacy Chapter and JCLF’s Giving Circles, please contact Jo Schantz, JCLF’s executive director, at 303-403-5077, or via email, [jo.schantz@jeffcolibrary.org](mailto:jo.schantz@jeffcolibrary.org).

## CHARTER MEMBERS OF OUR LEGACY CHAPTER



For many years, Jeannie Mann has served as a staunch supporter and a volunteer for the Jefferson County Library Foundation. She started out as a Friend of the Library in the 1980s, and later joined the Board. Most recently she has

served as the Board vice president, a member of the executive Committee and as chair of the Nominating Committee. Through these positions, she has been committed to the governance and oversight of our nonprofit, and she has helped to guide our Foundation to where we are today.

But Jeannie is also very forward thinking, and she’s been considering what will happen to JCLF in the future. That’s why she decided to become a charter member of our new Legacy Chapter and has designated JCLF in her will.

“The Library and the Foundation have always been in my heart,” Jeannie explains, and on top of that, “It’s so important for kids these days to read. If they aren’t into books, then they won’t be into the news and current affairs – reading helps us make better choices in life.”

She also understands the importance that JCLF brings to the community, and to the Library. “The

Foundation helps to fund programs that the Library can’t afford,” she says. Jeannie also recalls the U.S. economic downfall of a decade ago, and understands that by helping to build JCLF’s endowment, and when that occurs again, “we will have something to fall back on.”



Her sentiments are echoed by Tom and Alice Atkins, long-time Library and Foundation supporters who have also joined the Legacy Chapter as

charter members. Tom was previously Chairman of the Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees, and even today, he and his wife attend nearly all the monthly Trustee meetings so they can stay active and involved in the Library.

“The Library has always meant so much to us,” Alice comments, “and Tom and I feel strongly about continuing to support JCPL, both now and in the future. The Legacy Chapter offers us a way to do that, and we are pleased to be a part of this new group of supporters.”

The couple recently revised their will and designated JCLF as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

“No one likes to think about passing away,” Alice points out, “but it’s important for us to know that what we leave behind will continue to benefit JCPL’s programs, events, and activities that Tom and I are so passionate about.”

## Our New Legacy Chapter

Over the years, the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) has been honored to receive many charitable estate gifts from thoughtful and generous donors who care about the future of Jefferson County Public Library.

These gifts have included deferred donations left through a variety of instruments such as wills, trusts, retirement plans and life insurance. These contributions have been used by the Library for purposes such as the construction of the new Edgewater Library.

This year the Foundation is launching a legacy giving campaign by creating our new Legacy Chapter to