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Welcome Our Newest Board Members & Staff

Our Foundation is happy to announce that a new member has been added to the JCLF Board of Directors:

Our New Board Member: Cleo Arellano



Cleo Arellano joined the Foundation Board of Directors in September 2020. She is currently the V.P./Region 7 Operations Manager for the Bank of Colorado.

Cleo comes to us from Montrose, CO, where she served as Chairperson and a Board Member for the 7th Judicial District Victim Compensation Board and

was Treasurer of the Board for Montrose County's Habitat for Humanity. Cleo was also Chairperson of the Friends of the Ute Indian Museum.

"I feel my contribution to JCLF is my knowledge and experience in supporting public education and services," Cleo states. "Libraries are cornerstones in our community, offering equal free resources and services. I am committed to contribute to public awareness and fundraising goals."

Our New Warehouse Assistant: H. Anna Horn



Next time you drop off a donation at our Foundation warehouse, you'll likely get a chance to meet H. Anna Horn, JCLF's new part-time Warehouse Assistant.

Anna graduated with distinction from Shimer College in Illinois, where she received a B.S. in Humanities and Social

Sciences. She has served as a manager at Denver's Sie Film Center, a baker at Voodoo Doughnuts, and she was previously a recruitment specialist and retail specialist at Girl Scouts of Colorado.

We are pleased to welcome Anna to our staff!

JCLF's Executive Committee



President: Ana Rojas-Artica



Vice President: Deborah Deal



Secretary: Linda Fleming



Treasurer: Ron Benson

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Please stay tuned to our website and social media for the latest information on donations, special events and activities!

BOOK DONATIONS ABOUND!

Even though there is a pandemic going on, that hasn't slowed down book donations at our Foundation warehouse in Wheat Ridge. We accept contributions on Mondays and Tuesdays only, because we quarantine all books and media donations in a POD in our parking lot. And by each Tuesday afternoon, the POD is jam packed with donations!

If you have books, CDs, DVDs and/or vinyl records to donate, contribution hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Monday and Tuesday (except for national holidays), and we can accept up to six boxes of books at a time per donor. We do not accept magazines, VHS tapes, cassettes or encyclopedias.

For more information, call JCLF Warehouse Coordinator Neil Thoreson at 303-403-5076, or contact him at neil.thoreson@jeffcolibrary.org.

Director's Notes



I think everyone has been glad to say good-bye to the year 2020. Now, as we move into 2021, things are looking brighter as we can see the light at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic tunnel.

Our Foundation was fortunate to remain operational throughout the year, even though our offices closed on March 15, 2020, and then slowly reopened for staff and volunteers by the end of last

June. Even now, we remain diligent in following all the best health and safety protocols in an effort to keep everyone safe, including our donors and volunteers!

With that same safety in mind, JCLF did manage to operate our fall Whale of a Used Book Sale at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds last October. We expanded the days and hours of the sale, we enforced a reservation system, we charged an admission fee of \$5 per person and only 50 shoppers were allowed in the exhibit halls at any one time. That said, we generated more than \$45,000 from that sale, which was a big boost to our 2020 budget.

Our Foundation also was successful in opening up a new bookstore during the pandemic, which not only brought in much-needed funds, but also helped us expand our visibility here in Jefferson County. You can read more about our storefront, Whale's Tale Books & Gifts, on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

At the same time, we were busily applying for local and state grants, most made available via COVID relief funds. We were grateful to receive sizeable contributions from the Jeffco HOPE fund, the Jeffco CARES Act, and the Jefferson County CARES Act Non-Profit Grant Award Program. Our Foundation also received loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program. Earlier this year, we received a special grant from Community First Foundation that we dispersed to 21 JCPL staff members to assist with childcare costs due to the pandemic.

These monies have helped us continue on with our important mission – that of providing fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library.

Above all, I appreciate our loyal donors who have not only contributed to JCLF through our end-of-year appeal, Giving Tuesday and Colorado Gives Day, but also to those who have renewed or become new members of our Friends of the Library organization. Thank you so much for your support!

Jo Schantz, MNM, CFRE, GPC
Executive Director

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

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

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"Authors in the Afternoon"

W. MICHAEL GEAR AND KATHLEEN O'NEAL GEAR HEADLINE
"AUTHORS IN THE AFTERNOON" AUGUST 27

"Authors in the Afternoon," JCLF's new author presentation and fundraising series, has moved to a new date – Friday, August 27, 2021, 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Monarch Room at the Denver Marriott West in Golden. This event was originally slated for last November, however due to an uptick in Jeffco's COVID-19 cases, the event had to be postponed.

Right now, we are on target to welcome our featured guests **W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear**, a popular literary duo from Thermopolis, Wyoming, who will be sharing more about their prolific writing careers and their multiple series of books.

Michael Gear has published nearly two dozen novels under his own name, and he has authored another 37 with Kathleen. His recently released books include: *Unreconciled*, *Flight of the Hawk: The Plains*, *Pariah*, *Star Path*, and his latest sci-fi mystery, *Alpha Enigma*, debuted last year.

Kathleen O'Neal Gear has over 200 non-fiction publications in the fields of archaeology, history, and bison conservation, and she has authored or co-authored 47 international bestsellers. Kathleen's most recent books include *Cries from the Lost Island*, *Maze Master* and *People of the Canyons*, which she co-wrote with her husband. Her latest novel, *Ice Lion*, is the first book in her new cli-fi trilogy.

Tickets for the in-person presentation are \$50 each, and include coffee and dessert, plus an opportunity to meet with the Gears and purchase signed copies of their books. Virtual tickets are \$20 per person, and event sponsorships are still available. For more information, visit www.jeffcolibraryfoundation.org and click on Events, or call 303-403-5075.



Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear

2021 Friends Annual Meeting

FRIENDS SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON THRILLER AUTHOR
BARBARA NICKLESS

Friends of Jefferson County Public Library are proud to announce that the acclaimed Colorado author **Barbara Nickless** will be our keynote speaker at this year's Friends Annual Meeting. The luncheon event will be held on Friday, July 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center in Wheat Ridge, CO.



Barbara Nickless

Renowned for her spine-tingling suspense novels, Nickless has been hailed by bestselling crime writer Jeffery Deaver as "a natural storyteller." Nickless' first book, *Blood on the Tracks*, was praised by authors and critics as "beautifully written and heartbreakingly intense," a "bullet train of action," and "a first-class read." Her "blisteringly original" Sydney Rose Parnell crime novels – featuring a railway cop and her K9 partner – also include *Dead Stop*, *Ambush* and *Gone to Darkness*.

Nickless, who hails from Colorado Springs, has won two Colorado Book Awards and the prestigious Daphne du Maurier Award of Excellence, plus she was a Suspense Magazine "Best of 2016" selection. The author will provide a presentation at the luncheon and will answer audience questions. Her popular novels will be available for signing and for sale at the event.

The presentation and luncheon are open to the public, as well as to all Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$35 for Friends members, \$45 for non-members or \$50 for new and renewing Friends members (which includes a 12-month Friends membership). Proceeds benefit the Jefferson County Library Foundation.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.jeffcolibraryfoundation.org, or call 303-403-5075.

"Authors in the Afternoon" Event Sponsors



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Our 2020 Fall Whale Sale Netted a Big Bounty!

Our staff and volunteers were brimming with excitement when JCLF was able to host last year's fall Whale of a Used Book Sale, especially after we had to forgo our spring 2020 sale due to COVID-19. The fall sale was held from Wednesday evening, October 14, through Sunday, October 18, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden. Nearly 1,700 individuals attended this five-day book lovers' bonanza, which started off with our traditional Friends Preview Night and concluded with JCLF's popular Bag Day, where patrons could purchase a bag of books and other media for just \$8.

Our fall sale looked very different from previous Whale Sales, due to the coronavirus pandemic. JCLF had to implement the 50-shoppers-at-a-time rule to comply with our county's health and safety mandates that limited in-person attendance at indoor events, plus we enforced social distancing and the wearing of face coverings for staff, volunteers and shoppers alike.

For the first time in our Whale Sale history, JCLF also implemented a pre-paid reservation system, and many of our patrons paid \$5 for each of their shopping hours. As a bonus, shoppers with reservations received a free book, CD or DVD for each hour they reserved. Walk-ins were welcome with no reservation fee, and these individuals were allowed to join the sale when space became available in the exhibit halls.

Above all, everyone was just very glad that JCLF was able to produce this event – despite the pandemic!

More than 100 volunteers helped us manage the fall sale, which was overseen by our event planner, Deborah Deal, vice president of JCLF's Board of Directors. We were also grateful that these Foundation Board members participated

WHALE OF A USED Book Sale

Wed.- Sun., June 23 - 27

ADMISSION \$5 PER PERSON
\$10 PER FAMILY (UP TO 4 PERSONS)

Reservations Required - visit WhaleSale.Org

NEW LOCATION!!!

LAKEWOOD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1755 DOVER STREET, LAKEWOOD 80215

WED., JUNE 23, 5 PM - 8 PM

FRIENDS ONLY Preview Night

THURS., JUNE 24, 9 AM - 5 PM

FRI., JUNE 25, 9 AM - 5 PM

SAT., JUNE 26, 9 AM - 5 PM

Teachers, Friends of JCPL, and Jeffco Employees
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Bag Day, Bag of Books for \$8

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in our event: Kim Johnson, Donna Walker, Kirby Edwards, Caleb Amyot, Ana Rojas-Artica, Sally Reed, Linda Fleming, Linda Lovin, Ron Marquez and Cleo Arellano. Kudos also go to our valiant and energetic Foundation staff for all their efforts to help make the sale a success: Susan Spring, Kirstin Kraig, Allison Lausten and Neil Thoreson.

Calling All Volunteers!

JCLF's Whale of a Used Book Sales are some of the most popular events in Jefferson County. In previous years, between 3,500 and 4,500 book lovers have shopped each of our semi-annual sales, walking away with great books and even greater bargains!

Events of this size mean that we also need lots of volunteers to make each sale a success. For our summer Whale of a Used Book Sale, we will need more than 100 volunteers, ranging from table tidiers and greeters, to cart runners and cashiers. Each volunteer who serves a four-hour shift receives two free books.

Sign-ups will soon be underway! Visit our Foundation website for more information and sign up online at www.whalesale.org.



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JEFFCO BOOKLOVERS SPOUT OFF ABOUT WHALE'S TALE BOOKSTORE!

Our new bookstore is both a financial success and a popular destination for our book-loving customers. Here are some recent comments from these happy customers:



"This is my new favorite store!"

"I love this place!"

"We needed a good used bookstore in this mall!"

"It makes me want to shop here even more, knowing that I'm supporting the Library."

Thank you, Jeffco shoppers, for welcoming us and for shopping at Whale's Tale!!

Whale's Tale Books & Gifts store hours are Sunday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donations of books and media are not accepted at Whale's Tale. Please bring donations to our warehouse in Wheat Ridge. Currently, donation days are Mondays and Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Please check our website for the latest coronavirus updates: www.jeffcolibraryfoundation.org.

Our new bookstore – Whale's Tale Books & Gifts

Last November, on Black Friday (November 27), our Foundation launched a new fundraising endeavor – our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop located at Colorado Mills Mall in Lakewood.

"We needed a location for our holiday book sales, so we signed a short-term, six-week lease on Unit 527, which is located next door to Dick's Sporting Goods," comments Jo Schantz, JCLF's executive director. "The storefront was formerly a shoe store, and all the shelves and equipment were already in place. It was a perfect site for us to test the retail market by opening up a used bookstore operation. We also took a huge leap of faith to open up a business during the COVID-19 pandemic."

But that leap has paid off in huge dollar dividends. During that brief trial period, the Foundation raised more than \$28,000. That's when JCLF's Board of Directors decided to extend the lease, and the Foundation recently signed a contract that will keep us at the Mall through February 2022.

Even more amazingly, the storefront has continued to generate impressive revenues, even weeks after the winter holidays. In January, gross sales reached \$12,251, they reached \$12,600 in February, and March topped more than \$12,800 in income.



While Whale's Tale has given us a new outlet and greater visibility for selling our used books, we are also finding a broader market for our used CDs, DVDs and especially our vinyl records. JCLF also sells new gift items, such as greeting cards, scarves, handbags, jewelry, stuffed animals, and

themed gift baskets. The latter items are cleverly created by volunteers Mickey Lytle and Sandy Kramer, who designed nearly 100 gift baskets for our winter holiday sales.

Whale's Tale Books & Gifts is staffed by dedicated volunteers who are recruited, trained and scheduled by the Foundation's Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig, who also manages the storefront operation.



Volunteers Needed!

Our new Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop is open seven days a week and we always need volunteers to help us. One of our volunteer crews comes from a local book club. Their members rotate through one shift a week at our storefront operation, and each week the store is staffed by a different book club member.

If you know someone or a group that would like to work a three-hour shift or more, please ask them to call or contact Kirstin Kraig at 303-403-5072, or kirstin.kraig@jeffcolibrary.org.



Volunteers Aiden Mueldener and Dayton Fisher

Coming This Summer: Huge Tent Sale at the Brass Armadillo

Last summer, and with an eye to keeping our booklovers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, JCLF hosted a mask-wearing, socially-distant outdoor tent sale at a great new location – on the grassy lawn in front of the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall in Wheat Ridge. That two-day event helped us generate more than \$7,000!

This year, we will be hosting another tent sale, same location, tentatively set for Friday and Saturday, August 13th and 14th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The Brass Armadillo is located at 11301 W Interstate 70 Frontage Rd N, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.



Volunteers are needed for this event, both for set-up/tear-down and during the sale, and they can earn two free books for each four-hour shift they work. To volunteer, please contact JCLF's Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig at 303-403-5072, or kirstin.kraig@jeffcolibrary.org.



Be sure to check our website for date confirmation and more details: www.jeffcolibraryfoundation.org.

2021 Friends Community Partners

For the past five years, JCLF has invited key corporations and organizations to join with us in supporting our county public libraries. This year, we are delighted that these businesses and organizations have accepted our invitation and are helping us follow our mission—that of providing fundraising and advocacy for JCPL. We are proud to list this year's Friends Community Partners:



Hats, Boots and BBQ!

JCLF is rounding 'em up and honoring our loyal and dedicated volunteer crew at an appreciation picnic and chuckwagon BBQ on Friday, July 30, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Anderson Pavilion/Anderson Park in Wheat Ridge. This year, we are going full-on Western with prizes awarded for the best (or most outrageous) cowboy hats and cowboy boots worn by our guests. This is a free event for all our Foundation volun-



teers, and it is a time when the Foundation pays tribute to our dauntless corps of helpers! Even though COVID-19 stopped some of our team from being with us in person this past year—at our warehouse,

the Belmar gift shop and at our new Whale's Tale bookstore – we plan to honor all volunteers who have contributed so much time and energy to assisting JCLF.

At the same time, we will also bestow honors for this year's Volunteer Leadership Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Elena Joyce Grissom Lifetime Achievement Award.

Don't be a maverick! Look for picnic invitations coming soon via mail and email, and plan to join in the fun by RSVP-ing no later than July 23! Yee-haw!!

Belmar Gift Shop Opening Under a New Name

We are lifting a line from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet when we ask, "What's in a name?" And our Foundation has taken that question to heart as we consider the changes the year 2020 has brought to us. Most notably, we launched a new bookstore venture in Colorado Mills and named it Whale's Tale Books & Gifts to make a strong connection to our ever popular Whale of a Used Book Sales.

With that in mind, and because we will soon be reopening our little gift and book shop in Belmar Library, it was time for us to re-think that shop's previous name – the Friends Gift & Book Shop – and tie it to our other successful book sales venues.

When the Foundation can again open that new space at Belmar Library, you'll get to know us by the new name and logo **Baby Whale Bookstore**.

This will be a smaller version of our successful Whale's Tale bookstore, but it will be operated the same with our hard-working JCLF staff and valiant volunteers. Stay tuned to our Foundation's website and social media for details on when the Baby Whale Bookstore will be open for business!



Come See Us at Belmar Library!

Colorado Women's Day is Coming in May!

You didn't miss it! Jeffco International Women's Day, which normally occurs in March, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and instead will take place on a new date – Friday, May 7 – and with a new name – **Colorado Women's Day**. However, same as last year, the event will take place at Baldoria on the Water in Lakewood, and JCLF will again be a recipient of event proceeds.

This will be the 6th annual International Women's Day celebration in Jeffco, which has grown beyond its local roots to an event that now stretches throughout the Denver-metro area.

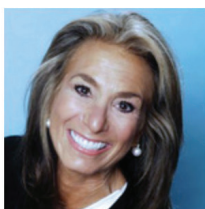
This special day will be highlighted by keynote speaker Jo Packham. Jo is the creator/Editor-in-Chief of best-selling magazines: **WHERE WOMEN CREATE** — Inspiring Work Spaces of Extraordinary Women; **WHERE WOMEN COOK**, The Heart & Soul of Cooking; **WHERE WOMEN WORK**, A Passion for Success; and her newest publication: **WHAT WOMEN CREATE**, Inspiration for Your Imagination. She has been a leading innovator in the handmade publishing market for more than 35 years.

The day-long event will include multiple activities – morning workshops, a luncheon, a keynote address, an awards presentation and a creative post-luncheon workshop led by Betsy Wiersma. Founder of the CampExperience™ Network, Betsy is a self-proclaimed “serial social entrepreneur, artist and maker, marketing evangelist, podcaster, expert convener, author, community organizer, strategic philanthropist, and relentless cheerleader.”

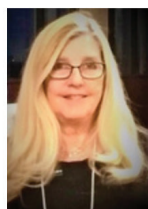
Last year, more than 200 women (and men!) joined in the day to help celebrate the amazing accomplishments of women in Jeffco. The original Jeffco International Women's Day was launched five years ago by Deborah Deal, CEO of IX Power Foundation and JCLF's Board vice president.

Tickets are \$49.50 each, which include all workshops and the luncheon. Corporate sponsorships and hosted vendor tables are also available. There is also an opportunity for guests to attend virtually. Due to coronavirus protocols and social distancing, space is limited! For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/CoWD2021>.

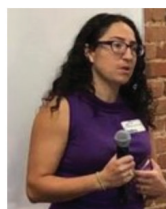
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Dr. Audrey Boxwell



Dr. Annette Cannon



Debra Brown



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Betsy Wiersma



JCLF Distributes \$22,600 to JCPL Staff for Cash Assistance with Child Care

Our Foundation is happy to announce that 21 Library staff members received cash awards to assist with added childcare costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Award Letters were sent out to these JCPL employees the first week in March, and the checks were distributed the following week.

“We were so pleased to be able to help hardworking Library employees with these unexpected expenses that resulted from coronavirus,” said JCLF Board Treasurer Ron Benson. “And, we are especially grateful to Community First Foundation for the grant that made this possible.”

Applications were judged by a panel of Foundation Board members, who awarded cash gifts ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 for each of these eligible Library workers. All told, the Foundation distributed \$22,600 to JCPL employees. This assistance carried no expectation of any benefit to the Foundation by the employee or the Library.

JCLF applauds Community First Foundation for recognizing a need to help support JCPL employees, and for allowing



our Foundation to be part of this distribution process.



JCLF Executive Director Jo Schantz (center) accepts a BIG check from Marie Lynch (L) and Diane Florschuetz representing Mountain Metro Association of Realtors.

THANK YOU, GOLDBLOCKS & THE LITTLE BEAR!

JCLF was once again proud to be a recipient of proceeds from last October's Goldilocks & The Little Bear fundraiser held at The Little Bear Inn in Evergreen. The event, which boasted a dinner, silent auction and live entertainment, was hosted by the Mountain Metro Realtors Association. Monies from the special event (\$1,075) were directed to the Evergreen and Conifer branches of Jefferson County Public Library.



Legacy Chapter Update

Nearly three years ago, our Foundation launched a new campaign designed to encourage donors to remember JCLF in their estate plans.

Since that time, we have grown this group to 11 members who are now a part of our Legacy Chapter. We are grateful to these individuals and families who have agreed to place our Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate plans, IRAs, annuities or life insurance policies. We are proud to recognize these special donors who are helping to ensure that JCLF's mission – that of providing fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library – will continue long into the future, thanks to their support.

Here is a roster of our Legacy Chapter members:



Anonymous (2)
Tom and Alice Atkins
Tami Bandimere
Allison Brigham
Maurice Chaffee
Carol Christensen*
Bill Knott
Jeannie Mann
Warren Roeske*

*deceased

For more information on the Legacy Chapter, please contact Jo Schantz at 303-403-5075, or jo.schantz@jeffcolibrary.org.

The Passing of a Friend...

Everyone at JCLF was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Linda Abbott. Linda was one of the pillars of our Friends of the Library membership organization, and she was a familiar face in the Children's Section of our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales.



We remember Linda fondly, and we offer our condolences to her family.



COMMEMORATIVE GIVING

The following individuals were recognized by JCLF donors with recent gifts given in their name

In Memory of

Linda Abbott by Teresa Morris	Jimmy James Geist by Sandy Geist
Tony Cavalier by Bradley Tri, Samantha Johnson, John, Derek, and Jennifer Ballentine, Shandra Cordovana, Breanne Stamper	Joanne Lesser by Cynthia Fiegenbaum
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Rebecca Werley Bitting by Judie Rossell	Crystal O'Neal by Jordan Mossman
Don Bonner by Lindsey Bonner	Rachel Sellers by Charles Cooper
Carol Christensen by Patricia Correia	Caitlin Stackpool by Kala Pedersen
Joanie and Bob Curci by Sherri Laubach	Tolar and Logan Whittlesey by Carrie Whittlesey
Ruth Fearon by Meridee Cecil	Gayle Yager by Julia Sculthorpe
Billie Higgins by Kathy Frank	

Library Giving Day Marks a New Milestone

April 7, 2021, marked the third year in a row that JCLF has participated in this nationwide online giving campaign—one that encourages donors to support their local libraries. Last year, JCLF raised \$5,120.77 in contributions during this 24-hour, online initiative. In 2021, we raised \$7,523.84.

The Foundation would like to thank our many donors who answered the call and helped us reach this new goal!

Library Summer Challenge Starts June 1

For more than a decade, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) has produced its popular summer reading and learning program, and the year 2021 will carry on that legacy and the challenge to Jeffco readers. This year, JCPL is tagging the free event as the Library Summer Challenge with a theme of "Wild Ideas." The intention is to have more than 30,000 Jeffco residents – ranging from babies to seniors – engaged in the eight-week program.



"Our Foundation has always been glad to help fund the Library's annual summer reading challenge," says JCLF Board President Ana Rojas-Artica. "This year, we have committed to providing \$30,000 in support of this essential literacy and learning program."

The Library Summer Challenge is vitally important because it helps keep children and teens engaged in reading and learning throughout the summer without losing their level of reading skills, something known in academic circles as "summer slide." The program also enlists parents and other adults to serve as "reading and learning role models" for younger readers. That way, students can maintain those key literacy and learning skills when it's time to return to school in the fall.

With an eye to keeping participants safe from COVID-19, JCPL staff has come up with a check list of activities that readers can accomplish on their own or with their families, and without meeting as part of a group. For example, children ages three to 11 years old can: create their own science experiment; tell the story of their day through video, photos or drawings; or make a list of wildlife they see in their own backyard. For teenagers, activities include: attending a live music concert online; learning a new language using JCPL's free Mango program; or virtually visiting famous museums such as Rome's La Galleria Nazionale.

Last year, program participants gave high praise to JCPL's summer reading challenge:

- I loved the range of activities! Best year yet! Much more engaging for adults, and easier to combine with children's and teen activities!
- (I liked) learning new things and the cool Prizes:
- Great creative ideas for when we were all quarantined! This was the best summer reading program ever.
- I love all the reading programs the library has to offer. It helps me with ideas for myself and my 2-year old to explore different ways of engaging with learning and reading.

To learn more, visit www.jeffcolibrary.org.



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Colorado Women's Day Luncheon

June 23-27, 2021

**Summer Whale of a Used Book Sale
Lakewood Church of the Nazarene**

July 16, 2021

**Friends Annual Meeting, Featuring Suspense
Novelist Barbara Nickless**

July 30, 2021

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Aug. 13-14, 2021

Tent Sale at Brass Armadillo Antique Mall (Tentative)

Aug. 27, 2021

**Authors in the Afternoon," Featuring W. Michael
Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear**