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Welcome

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Tired of living like a COVID-19 hermit? Want to (safely) interact with your peers and have a good time? Then come join the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) volunteer team! We have many opportunities available:

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH OUR SEMI-ANNUAL WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALES. You can be a cashier, table tidier, greeter, kitchen helper, or you can assist us with set-up and clean-up! Volunteers earn two free books for each four-hour shift.

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM AT OUR NEW WHALE'S TALE BOOKS & GIFTS STOREFRONT IN COLORADO MILLS MALL. Daily shifts (Sunday through Saturday) are three hours each, and volunteers earn two free books per shift. Opportunities include cashiering, customer service, shelving books, creating displays, pricing items, and more!

WANT TO DO SOMETHING ON A SMALLER SCALE? We will be reopening our 850-square-foot Belmar Library gift and book shop soon, and we need individuals to help with customer service, displays and cashiering. Shifts are three hours each, Monday through Saturday, and – guess what? – you can earn free books!

JUST WANT TO COLLECT, SCAN, SORT AND BOX BOOKS AND MEDIA (CDS, DVDS, AUDIO BOOKS AND VINYL RECORDS) DONATED BY THE PUBLIC? We need weekly helpers Monday through Friday at our warehouse in Wheat Ridge, near Kipling and I-70. Dress is downright casual. And your reward? Two free books for each four-hour shift.

If any of these opportunities are right for you, please reach out to JCLF's Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig, at 303-403-5072, or kirstin.kraig@jeffcolibrary.org. You can also sign up on our website: www.jeffclf.org. *

OUR NEW BOOKSTORE ASSISTANT

JCLF is pleased to announce that Janet Spaeth is our new Bookstore Assistant at the Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop in Colorado Mills Mall.

Janet typically works the weekend shift, Saturdays and Sundays, and she may soon expand her role to assist us with our smaller shop in Belmar Library when it reopens. Janet holds a PhD in English, and her dissertation was on Laura Ingalls Wilder and the author's *Little House* book series. Janet is a teacher, a writer and she earned her Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from the University of Oregon. *



2021 SUMMER WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS

UPDATE ON OUR BOOK AND MEDIA DONATIONS PROCESS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, JCLF used many precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. One way was to quarantine books donated by the public in a POD placed in our parking lot.

For several months, we continued holding the books in this receptacle as a means of streamlining our book donation process. This helped us maintain a steady flow of books and media into our warehouse and enabled our volunteers to more easily process the items by scanning, sorting and boxing them.

Today, as the donations are sorted, we distribute them in several ways. Some are boxed up and readied for our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales, and some are delivered to our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop. We also help stock book sales shelves at various JCLF branch locations, we set some books aside as donations to other nonprofits as well as for jails and prisons, and we supply two of our outside vendors with books either for a monthly per-pallet rate of pay or as consignment sales.

Currently, we are continuing to accept book and media donations on two weekdays only – Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We accept a maximum of six boxes of books per donation. Please check our website for updates on our book donation days and hours: www.jeffclf.org. *

Renew your Friends of JCLF membership today at jeffclf.org

Director's Notes



This year has brought about many changes and exciting events, even since our last newsletter was printed this past spring. Despite COVID-19 and the looming Delta variant, we have been able to accomplish quite a lot this year.

In late June, JCLF hosted its first Whale of a Used Book Sale for the year, and we did this at a new location – the gymnasium and classrooms at the Lakewood Church of the Nazarene. In July, we presented two key events, our Friends Annual Meeting followed by our Volunteer Appreciation awards celebration and picnic. August brought about two more events, including a tent sale at the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall in Wheat Ridge and later on, we launched our new fundraising series called "Authors in the Afternoon," featuring award-winning novelists W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear.

I'm also very happy to tell you that our new bookstore – Whale's Tale Books & Gifts – is continuing to be a successful sales venture for JCLF, in that we have typically been raising between \$11,000 and \$13,000 in gross sales each month.

If you visit our office/warehouse complex, you'll also see that our Foundation has recently expanded! Starting September 1, JCLF leased an adjacent unit at our current location, and that has enabled us to physically grow. This expansion has doubled our warehouse space and has provided us with a whole new office area.

We are looking forward to more excitement in the days to come. As you read through the articles in this issue of JCLF's *Footnotes* newsletter, you'll see that we will be hosting our second Whale of a Used Book Sale this fall. I'm delighted to say that we will be back at the Jeffco Fairgrounds for this event, which will take place October 28-31.

We couldn't do all these events and activities without the support of our fantastic volunteers, donors, sponsors and Friends of the Library. Thank you for your continued support during the pandemic, and for assisting us in our mission to provide fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library.

Jo Schantz, MNM, CFRE, GPC
JCLF 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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JCLF STRETCHES INTO A NEW OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE SPACE

Earlier this year, the JCLF Board of Directors approved a new lease that has helped our Foundation physically expand from its current location into an adjacent unit at the L&K Business Center in Wheat Ridge. The new lease, which began on September 1, has doubled our warehouse and office space, and has helped make our facility safer for our staff and volunteers.

“This expansion has been long awaited and much needed,” says JCLF Board President Ana Rojas-Artica. “With the recent addition of new staff members, and with the amazing flood of book donations that keep rolling in, our Board decided that now is the time to increase our office and warehouse space.”

The move will offer more elbow room and storage space for our administrative personnel in the office area. Plus, with more warehouse square footage, our staff and volunteers will have ample room to accept, sort, box and stack book and media donations safely. We will also have added space to store pallets of books, equipment and supplies for our events and off-site book sales. In addition, the expansion gives us another access to our warehouse, providing us with an additional overhead door on the south side of the building. This means that we can more efficiently and easily accept donations from the public on the north side of the building while also accommodating our two used book sales vendors with pick-up access on the south side.



L&K BUSINESS CENTER IN WHEAT RIDGE

We’re also making a space where our talented volunteers can create and store multiple holiday-themed gift baskets. These items are top money-makers at our Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts shop in Colorado Mills Mall, and they are also popular at our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales.

In the near future, we plan to design and install a new kitchen and snack area in the new suite to accommodate our growing JCLF staff and our volunteer corps. Stay tuned to our website for announcements about an open house coming soon! Visit www.jeffclf.org for more information. *

UNDER THE TENT FOR OUR SUMMER SALE

This year marked the second time that our Foundation has hosted an outdoor, summertime tent sale on the lawn in front of the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall in Wheat Ridge. On Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13, shoppers buzzed around three huge tents that were packed with books ranging from children’s fiction to history to cookbooks – all at super low bargain prices!



EARLY MORNING VOLUNTEERS OPEN ONE OF THE SALE TENTS

Despite the high summer heat and dismal air quality due to out-of-state wildfires, booklovers found a treasure trove of quality reads, along with yards and yards of CDs and DVDs.

“Everyone seems to love our outdoor sales,” remarks JCLF’s Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig. “The venue is also great, with lots of exposure to traffic on I-70.”

As with last year’s event, this sale helped us raise thousands of dollars in support of JCLF and Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL). *



CUSTOMERS AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE BRASS ARMADILLO TENT SALE

FALL WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE – BACK TO THE FAIRGROUNDS!

Each year, we are proud to produce our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales, one of the many ways in which we raise funds to support our public library. Even though COVID-19 prevented us from producing our spring 2020 sale, we were successful in hosting a fall 2020 sale, as well as a summer 2021 sale, where we followed timely health protocols as far as wearing facial coverings, social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing.

We are happy to announce that our fall 2021 Whale of a Used Book Sale is scheduled to take place Oct. 28-31 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The big sale, featuring thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and rare books, will begin Thursday evening, Oct. 28, with the Friends-Only Preview Night occurring from 6 to 8 p.m. The sale will open to the public Friday through Sunday, Oct. 29-31. Open hours for Friday and Saturday will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, the 31st, our hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Admission to the fall 2021 Whale of a Used Book Sale is \$5 per person daily, with children (up to age 18) free.

At this time, and with the continuing rise in the pandemic’s Delta variant, we are unsure if we will need to limit admission to the event as we did in fall 2020 and in summer 2021. If the Jefferson County Health Department reinstates previous health mandates, we will be forced to decrease exhibit hall capacity at any one time, meaning that – as we did last year – we will require online reservations with a \$5 fee per 50 minutes of shopping, and 10 minutes allowed for check-out.

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date sale information: jeffclf.org, or call us at 303-403-5075. *



WHALE OF A USED Book Sale

Thurs.- Sun., OCT 28 - 31

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 W. 6th Avenue Frontage Road | Golden, CO

Admission: \$5 adult (under 18 free)

THURS., OCT. 28, 6 PM - 8 PM
FRIENDS ONLY Preview Night

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Wait! There’s more!

Because this year’s Whale of a Used Book Sale runs through Halloween, JCLF will be hosting a free costume contest (for children and adults) on Saturday, October 30, at 2 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Participants will not need to pay an admission fee for the costume contest.

Come wear your ghostly and ghastrly best, and pick up some fun prizes!

OUR SUMMERTIME WHALE SALE!

JCLF staff and volunteers took on some interesting new challenges as our Foundation prepared to host a summertime Whale of a Used Book Sale at the end of June. And those challenges came from many directions.

First, we changed the date of our traditional spring sale, and pushed the event back by three weeks to the last full week in June. Then we added an extra day of sales by offering Friends Preview Night on Wednesday, June 23, and opened the sale to the public for four days, Thursday through Sunday, June 24-27. We also capped attendance at 80 shoppers per hour and implemented a pre-paid, hourly reservation system, similar to our fall 2020 sale. These decisions were made in order to accommodate more shoppers, provide more space for social distancing and in the hope that most individuals would have received COVID-19 vaccinations by the time the sale began.

We faced another new challenge due to a change in venue. Instead of holding the event at our traditional site – the Jefferson County Fairgrounds – we moved to the Lakewood Church of the Nazarene’s gymnasium and Life Center classrooms at 13th and Dover in Lakewood.

This meant a whole new configuration and table set-up for all our book genres, new classroom locations for A/V materials and children’s books, and a separate area for Bert’s Weathered & Treasured section (rare and collectible books).



WESTERRA CREDIT UNION & PINKARD CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS

We are pleased to say that our efforts paid off! We attracted more than 1,500 individuals to the sale during the 4 ½ day event, and we raised over \$52,000!

We want to thank all volunteers who helped us manage our summer sale, including these volunteer crew leaders: Tim O’Neil, Sandy Kramer, Tyrenny Hidy and Ron Proulx. We are also grateful that these Foundation Board members and Board advisors participated in our event: Kirby Edwards, Ana Rojas-Artica, Linda Fleming, Linda Lovin, Ron Marquez, Jill Fellman, Jessica Nichols and Cleo Arellano. We also applaud our Foundation staff for all their efforts to help make this unique sale a big success: Anna Horn, Kirstin Kraig, Allison Lausten, Janet Spaeth, Susan Spring, and Neil Thoreson. *

AWARD-WINNING NOVELISTS LAUNCH “AUTHORS IN THE AFTERNOON”

The date was Friday, August 27, the time was 4 p.m. and the setting was the Monarch Room at the Denver Marriott West in Golden. That was when JCLF kicked off the first in a new fundraising series called “Authors in the Afternoon,” featuring New York Times bestselling authors W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O’Neal Gear.

The prolific Wyoming-based writers gave our audience (both in person and via livestream) a chance to hear more about their literary backgrounds and the many genres and themes their works encompass – everything from prehistoric fiction and sci-fi to modern-day thrillers and cli-fi. The Gears’ books have been translated into 29 languages, and they have more than 17 million copies in print worldwide.

Both of the Gears recently received the Owen Wister Award for lifetime contributions to western literature, and they were inducted into the Western Writers Hall of Fame. The husband-and-wife team was also honored with two 2021 International Book Awards. Michael’s book, *Unreconciled*, won for best science fiction novel, and Kathleen’s book, *Cries from the Lost Island*, won for best Young Adult novel.

More than 40 in-person guests enjoyed coffee, tea and an array of delightful desserts during the afternoon event, and



W MICHAEL GEAR & KATHLEEN O’NEAL GEAR

then they were invited to ask the authors questions after the presentation. Off-site guests were able to participate via virtual means, thanks to the technical magic of Jon White, video production instructor from nearby Warren Tech, and several of his students.

Both of the Gears came armed with many of their latest novels that were available for signing and for sale at the

close of the event, including *Alpha Enigma*, *Unreconciled*, *Fracture Event*, *Cries from the Lost Island*, *Maze Master*, *Dissolution*, and *Ice Lion*. Proceeds from the book sale were contributed back to JCLF, and the Gears also signed several books and donated them to our Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts.

Our thanks go to Michael and Kathleen for launching our new event series in style! We also want to thank these special sponsors who made the presentation possible - **Bank of Colorado, Sunflower Bank, the JCLF Board of Directors, High Point Financial Group, Sally Reed and the Taurus Fund**. Thank you **Warren Tech** for providing the live camera and audio feeds! *

Check our website at jeffclf.org for information about upcoming author events in 2022.



WHALE’S TALE KEEPS SWIMMING ALONG

Nearly one year ago – on Black Friday, November 27 – our Foundation took a leap of faith and opened up a used bookstore in Colorado Mills Mall. It was near the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts opened. This started as an experiment because we needed a location to host our annual winter holiday book sales, and the Library’s meeting rooms were not available to us in 2020 (these rooms were needed quarantine returned books at all branch JCPL locations).

We first signed a six-week lease, and what started as a test proved to be a tremendous success! Despite the global pandemic, JCLF raised more than \$28,000 from November 27, 2020, through January 17, 2021. Since that time, our organization has extended the lease at Colorado Mills Mall, and we are continuing to reap a huge bounty, typically averaging between \$11,000 and \$13,000 in gross monthly sales. Beyond selling gently used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and vinyl records, Whale’s Tale also sells new items such as jewelry, handbags, scarves, jigsaw puzzles, greeting cards, journals, reading glasses and more.

Some of the most popular items sold at the shop include themed gift baskets designed by two of our very talented JCLF volunteers, Mickey Lytle and Sandy Kramer. In November and December of last year, this creative duo supplied us with 99 holiday baskets, and 95% of them sold! We have also had an enormous response to our vinyl record sales. Recently, we sold one record (by the group Velvet

Underground) for \$250, followed by a one-time sale of 25+ records for more than \$1,500.

To help keep our operations costs low, JCLF relies on dedicated volunteers to staff the shop seven days a week, from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. We have two paid Foundation staff members who oversee the storefront operation – Kirstin Kraig, our volunteer and Friends coordinator, and our weekend Bookstore Assistant Janet Spaeth.

“The success of our Whale’s Tale Books & Gift shop has been truly amazing,” comments Linda Fleming, JCLF Board Secretary. “We’ve also heard many of our shoppers say ‘This is my new favorite store!’” Whale’s Tale has even gained popularity with the Mall management team, who have become frequent visitors to the busy shop.

For more information on Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts, or to volunteer at the shop, please contact JCLF’s Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig at 303-403-5072, or kirstin.kraig@jeffcolibrary.org. *



MICKEY LYTLE, ONE OF THE MASTER CREATORS BEHIND THE WHALE’S TALE HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS



THE BEST IN USED BOOKS, MEDIA & GIFTS FOR HOLIDAY AND EVERYDAY ENJOYMENT AND GIFTING!

COLORADO WOMEN'S DAY BRINGS IN A BIG DONATION – \$2,000 TO JCLF!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Colorado Women's Day celebration was delayed by a couple of months, but that didn't stop the fun, information-sharing and entertainment that this annual event always provides. The 2021 event took place Friday, May 7, at Baldoria on the Water in Lakewood, and JCLF was once again a recipient of event proceeds. That meant JCLF received a check for \$2,000!

The day-long event offered morning workshops, a luncheon, a keynote address, an awards presentation and a creative post-luncheon workshop. More than 150 women (and several men!) attended this year's celebration of women.



Jo Packham was the luncheon's keynote speaker. She is the creator and Editor-in-Chief of a line of popular crafts, work-related and cooking magazines. During her presentation, Jo drew on her 35 years of experience as a leading innovator in the handmade publishing market. Her remarks were followed by an afternoon workshop led by Betsy Wiersma, founder of the CampExperience™ Network. This woman-owned business is described as "a one-of-a-kind women's group" providing monthly networking, sponsored social events and an annual Fall Retreat.

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. This year, the event name was changed to Colorado Women's Day in order to include more women statewide. The 2021 sponsors included: **City of Golden, Bank of Colorado, City of Westminster, Colorado Women's Alliance and the Jefferson County Library Foundation.**

Our thanks go to everyone who supported the event, and JCLF was grateful to be named as the designated charity for this year's Colorado Women's Day! *

VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT THIS YEAR'S CHUCKWAGON BBQ

Nearly 60 JCLF volunteers were roped in for a noontime BBQ and this year's awards ceremony at the Anderson Park Pavilion in Wheat Ridge on Friday, July 30. Bright red and white checkered tablecloths and fresh flowers marked the cheery tables, and guests were entertained by violinist **Karl Reque**, who literally fiddled around while guests rounded up at the buffet tables for a summertime feast.

Following our cowboy and cowgirl theme, the winner of our Funky Western Boots contest was **Jill Fellman**, a JCPL advisor to the Foundation Board. The winner of our Funky Western Hat contest was **Doug Pratt**, Vice Chair of our Friends of the Library membership organization.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JO SCHANTZ AND BOARD PRESIDENT ANA ROJAS-ARTICA



VOLUNTEERS (AKA COWGIRLS) SETTLE IN FOR A BBQ FEAST.

We were pleased to pay tribute to several outstanding volunteers who have dedicated ages of time and acres of talent to our nonprofit organization:

Volunteer of the Year – Jean Osborne
Volunteer Leadership Service Award – Sherry Olin
Elena Joyce Grissom Lifetime Achievement – Tim O'Neil

An added highlight of the day was a new honor – the **Linda Abbott Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence** – that went to long-time Belmar Library gift shop volunteer, **Vicki Ponce**. The award was presented to Vicki by **Kim Foley**, Linda's daughter. *

COMING SOON! BELMAR LIBRARY'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SPACE!

Our Foundation is thrilled to announce that we recently received a \$100,000 contribution that is designated for the Belmar Library's Discover Together: Outdoor Adventure Space. This gift came from donor **Allison Brigham** and the estate of her late father, **Warren Roeske**. Once complete, the Adventure Space will have signage marking it as a memorial to Allison's parents, Shirley M. and Warren A. Roeske, who were both passionate about libraries.

"We are so excited by this extraordinary contribution," says Ana Rojas-Artica, JCLF's Board president. "Allison and her father were instrumental in funding the Outdoor Adventure Space at Standley Lake Library, and we are honored that Allison wants to continue to pay tribute to her parents with this amazing gift."

The Outdoor Adventure Space was part of a "wish list" at the start of the Belmar Library remodel in 2019, but it wasn't in the original budget. Now this gift, along with added contributions from JCLF, the Socrates Foundation and MWH Funding, has brought the total project donations to more than \$145,000 – funds that will pave the way for JCPL to make this one-time wish a reality.

Three years ago, Allison Brigham and Warren Roeske became charter members of JCLF's Legacy Chapter, a group of individuals who have placed our Foundation in their wills and estate plans as a way to keep on giving and supporting the Library well into the future. This unique project is a testament to the value of planned giving, and we are grateful to this family for their generous and thoughtful support.

At present, the Belmar Outdoor Adventure Space is in the planning and design stages.

Please visit our website for updates on this and other Library projects, activities and programs that our Foundation helps to fund: www.jeffclf.org. *



REMEMBERING OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS...

Each year, JCLF relies on our Friends of the Library and our many volunteers to assist us in so many ways. Our volunteers are the very backbone of our Whale of a Used Book Sales. They are the friendly faces and helpful hands at our warehouse as they accept book donations. They are the linchpins of our two used bookstores – Whale's Tale Books & Gifts and the Baby Whale Bookstore (formerly the Friends Gifts and Books shop), and they serve on our Board of Directors.

When we lose our good volunteers, we feel like we've lost a part of our family. That's why JCLF was saddened to learn of the recent passing of two members of our volunteer team.

Carol Wilson, who left us just a few weeks ago, was a long-time volunteer at our little gift and book shop in Belmar Library. Carol also assisted us at JCLF's office/warehouse complex, and she was a Friend of the Library as well.

Not long after Carol passed, we learned that one of our former Board members had also left us. **William "Bill" Knott** passed away September 8. Bill was the Director of Jefferson County Public Library for nearly 40 years, and he was instrumental in expanding multiple library services to the community during that time. In lieu of flowers, Bill's family requested that donations be made to Jefferson County Library Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. We deeply appreciate all Carol and Bill did to help our organization and the Library, and we extend our condolences to their families. *

THIS YEAR'S LIBRARY SUMMER CHALLENGE!

For many years, JCLF has helped to fund Jefferson County Public Library's (JCPL) annual summer reading program, and this year was no exception! This year, the program was called *Library Summer Challenge*. While the name may have changed, the end goal remained the same – to help students and young children maintain or increase their reading skills by reading all summer long.

The program was “wildly” successful! More than 28,000 Jeffco residents (children, teens and adults) participated in the eight-week program from June 1 through July 31.

JCPL planned many outdoorsy activities to reinforce the “Wild Ideas” theme. Keeping in mind that COVID-19 remained a concern, most activities were ones that children, families, teens, and adults could do on their own, and outside of group or library settings. Sample activities included: visiting a park and making a list of wildlife; writing a review of a favorite book or movie; reading to a pet or stuffed animal; creating a wild creature out of play dough or clay and researching your family tree using Library resources.



Participating readers earned prizes when they reached the half-way mark and the program's finish line. Prizes included free stickers, new books, sun hats (for babies and toddlers), book bags for adults and free passes to Elitch Gardens amusement park for teens.

The Library also hosted its annual Summer Challenge School Contest, where Jeffco schools competed for prizes based on the number of hours their students read and the number of participants in the program. Here are this year's school winners, each of which received an \$800 prize contributed by our Foundation:

Addenbrooke Classical Preschool
Devanny Elementary
Evergreen Middle School
Green Mountain High School
Connections Learning Center

In addition, and because participants reached this year's collective reading goal, JCLF provided a \$500 prize to the 2021 Community Challenge Beneficiary, Jeffco Eats. Jeffco Eats is a local nonprofit that provides weekend meals and snacks for children and families, ensuring that no child goes hungry in Jeffco Title I Schools, GAP schools, Section 8 apartments, rec centers, parks, and Head Start programs.

We congratulate the winning schools, Jeffco Eats and all participants who took part in this year's Library Summer Challenge! *

OUR 2021 FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

This past July, Friends of Jefferson County Public Library welcomed suspense and thriller novelist Barbara Nickless as the keynote speaker for our 2021 Friends Annual Meeting. The luncheon event took place on Friday, July 16th, at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center in Wheat Ridge, and featured an Italian buffet served up by Bono's Italian Ristorante. More than 40 Friends and local booklovers took part in this year's annual event.

Nickless, who traveled from Colorado Springs, dazzled our audience with insights into her career, details into her characters and the clever ways she spins contemporary crime novels into edge-of-the seat entertainment. The writer is best known for her memorable characters, Sydney Rose Parnell, a former marine turned railway cop, and Clyde, her K-9 partner. These two were introduced in Nickless' first book, *Blood on the Tracks*, and their crime-stopping adventures are the focus of three other books in the series – *Dead Stop*, *Ambush* and *Gone to Darkness*.



AUTHOR BARBARA NICKLESS



BARBARA NICKLESS AT THE POST-EVENT BOOK SIGNING

The winner of two Colorado Book Awards, Nickless answered audience questions after her presentation, and then signed and sold copies of her recent novels. We are grateful that the author was not only our featured speaker, but also that she donated the proceeds of those book sales back to JCLF. Our thanks also go out to these special event sponsors – **Rocky Mountain Safety & Security, Foothills Vision Center and the Taurus Fund** – for supporting the 2021 Friends Annual Meeting. *

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

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NEWS FROM OUR 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Each year, our nonprofit Foundation undergoes an independent audit– a review of our organization's finances from the previous fiscal year. Our 2020 audit was conducted by JDS Professional Group.

Highlighting the report were details on the ways we are providing support for Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL). On pages 19 and 20 of the document, the auditors point out that last year JCLF provided \$179,635 in cash assistance to JCPL while the Library supplied \$75,943 in in-kind goods and services to the Foundation. This is a 2.4-to-1 cash return on the Library's (and the taxpayers') investment.

The amount of in-kind that JCLF returned to the Library was the balance of our operations budget at \$515,450,



GOLDSLOCKS AND THE LITTLE BEAR – A COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Each year, the **Mountain Metro Association of Realtors** produces a popular fundraising event known as Goldilocks & The Little Bear. The event brings together library lovers and literary enthusiasts for an evening of live entertainment, a silent auction and a buffet dinner, all to raise monies for local libraries. The 2021 beneficiaries include Jefferson County Public Library, Friends of the Bailey Library and the Clear Creek County Library District.

This year's benefit will take place on Thursday, October 28, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Evergreen's Little Bear Inn, 28075 Hwy. 74 in Evergreen, CO. Entertainment will be provided by *Mountain Magic*, and new this year, there will be a live auction and the capability of bidding by phone. Tickets are \$20 per person if purchased prior to the event, and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance and/or donations can be made by calling 303-674-7020. For more information, visit jeffclf.org. *

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which is “considered the support the Foundation provided back to the Library, as the Foundation's entire mission is to provide aid, assistance and financial support to the Library.”

Added to that, in 2020 our Foundation received 3,636 donated hours of volunteer support, valued at \$107,852 (according to a calculation of \$29.50 per volunteer hour, provided by the Independent Sector).

In total, our support to JCPL came to \$623,302, and **our return to the Library “was eight (8) times the in-kind that the Library provided the Foundation.”** You can see our complete 2020 audited financials posted on our website: www.jeffclf.org. *

Are you a Friend of JCPL? Learn how your membership helps us support literacy programs at Jefferson County Public Library at <https://bit.ly/BeAJCLFFriend>.



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Goldilocks & The Little Bear
Thursday, Oct. 28, 5:30-9:30 PM



Colorado Gives Day
December 7



Library Giving Day
April 6, 2022



Spring Whale of a Used Book Sale
June 2-5, 2022, at Jeffco Fairgrounds