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Welcome

NEW JCLF BOARD MEMBERS

Cynthia Benson

is a retired tax attorney and represents the Evergreen community on our Board. She served on the JCLF Board of Directors 10 years ago and at the same time was also a Board member for Art For The Mountain Community. Cynthia re-applied for JCLF Board membership last fall. In addition to giving her time and talent to our Foundation, she also volunteers at the ECHO Resale shop in Evergreen. *



Angela Hahn

is a Jeffco native and an attorney at her own practice, **Confluence Legal, LLC**. As the mother of three, she says she has a "great appreciation for libraries" and their service to the community. Angela is the current president of the Applewood Community Foundation and a past volunteer for Children's Hospital, CASA for Adams/Broomfield Counties and Project Homework. *



VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

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When you donate your car, boat, truck, RV, jet ski, motorcycle or snowmobile to the Jefferson County Library Foundation, you'll gain a tax deduction! Plus, it's easy!

Your vehicle will be picked up at no cost to you, you'll receive a tax receipt on the spot, and you'll be helping our organization through your charitable contribution.



OUR NEW WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT

Jack Wooley

Please welcome Jack Wooley, who recently joined JCLF as our Warehouse Assistant! Jack was formerly the Warehouse Operations Manager for Vestas Towers of America in Pueblo, where he oversaw shipping, receiving, handling and storage. Jack will be assisting our Warehouse Coordinator in accepting and processing book donations from the public, and he will be conducting online research for our rare and collectible books that are sold on our Jeffco Friends online storefront. Welcome, Jack! *



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Director's Notes



Can you believe it? It's been more than two years since the COVID-19 pandemic rocked our world. During that time, our nonprofit – along with so many others – had to find new ways to carry on our business.

At our fall 2020 Whale of a Used Book Sale, and due to county health mandates, we were forced

to implement a new rule – only 50 shoppers in the Fairgrounds exhibit halls at any one time. Along with that, we enforced mask-wearing, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and our shoppers were only allowed 50 minutes to shop and 10 minutes to check out before the next group of shoppers was allowed into the sale. Even at that, we were still able to raise more than \$47,000 during the height of the pandemic!

In November of 2020, we also opened our used bookstore, Whale's Tale Books & Gifts, in Colorado Mills Mall. What was considered a risky time to open a storefront actually turned out to be a boon to our organization, one where we raised more than \$28,000 in just over six weeks. During this past year (2021), Whale's Tale generated over \$150,000 in gross sales, donations and Friends memberships. With that kind of success, we have since signed a longer-term lease on the unit, and we plan to remain at the Mall for the foreseeable future.

If you have visited our warehouse/office complex lately, you'll notice that we have recently doubled our space! This was a much-needed move that offers us the room to safely maintain and grow our operations.

Of course, our successes all rely on our tremendous funders, our dedicated staff members and our fabulous volunteers. The Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) is blessed with so many individuals who believe in our cause and who work tirelessly to help us raise monies in support of our Jefferson County Public Library.

As we begin JCLF's 57th year in service to the Library, I want to thank those of you who continue to believe in JCLF and who generously give us the gift of your time and your financial support!

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@jeffclf.org with submissions.

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FRIENDS GET TOGETHER AT OUR FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

What do JCLF Friends do when they get together? They eat good food, hear a wonderful author presentation and celebrate another year of support for Jefferson County Public Library.



JCLF Board Member Kirby Edwards, Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig, Author Carter Wilson, and JCLF Executive Director Jo Schantz

That’s exactly what our Friends of the Library were up to at our Friends Annual Meeting held on Friday, April 22, at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center. Our guest presenter was the thriller and suspense novelist Carter Wilson, author of "The Comfort of Black," "Mister Tender's Girl," "The Dead Husband," "The Dead Girl in 2-A," and his latest publication, "The New Neighbor," which was released just prior to his appearance at the meeting.

“Each year we enjoy such outstanding author presentations,” remarked Linda Lovin, one of JCLF’s board members, “and this year was no exception. Carter Wilson was so entertaining and simply fun!”

More than 40 Friends and event guests also enjoyed a lunch catered by **Tin Star Smokehouse** in Golden. After the presentation came time for the door prize drawing, followed by an opportunity for guests to meet Carter and purchase copies of his signed books.

We are grateful for these event sponsors who helped to make this event a success: **Rocky Mountain Safety & Security, Foothills Vision Center, Jackie O’Beirne, DDS, and the Taurus Fund**. Books for sale and for signing came from **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** in Lakewood. *



LIBRARY GIVING DAY 2022

For the past three years, JCLF has participated in Library Giving Day. This is an annual online donation campaign that was launched in 2019 by the Seattle Public Library, and it is intended to raise awareness as well as funding in support of our public libraries.

This year, JCLF surpassed last year’s goal of over \$7,800 with over \$8,900 in contributions!

Many thanks to our dedicated supporters who helped to make this year’s campaign a success!

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JCLF’S SHRED-A-THON AND BOOK DRIVE!

Thanks to support from **Bank of Colorado**, JCLF will be hosting a first-time shred-a-thon and book drive at the bank’s Lakewood location, 275 Union Blvd. This new endeavor will take place on Saturday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event is free to the public, but we will ask for a suggested donation of \$10 per box of items to be shredded. We are also requesting that book donations (or donations of CDs, DVDs or vinyl records) come in boxes for easier handling, rather than in bags.

“Our bank is happy to provide the location and the support for this special event,” says Cleo Arellano, Bank of Colorado’s Regional Manager and JCLF Board Secretary. “Area residents can shred important documents at our bank parking lot, while helping to provide support for the Foundation. We are also asking for book donations that will be used to support JCLF’s Whale of a Used Book Sales and the Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts store in Colorado Mills Mall.”

Our thanks go to Bank of Colorado for supplying the location and to **Altitude Docushred** for the shredding services. *

So many books, so little time

By Lisa Hidalgo, Denver7 Morning Meteorologist

If you're an avid reader then you probably share my same fear...running out of time! So many books, so little time. I try to carve out at least 30 minutes a day, but as a morning meteorologist and mom of two, that doesn't always happen. One of my favorite movies is About Time where Bill Nighy can time travel. Some people would use this power to go back and change or manipulate the future, but he used the extra time to read. Four or five lifetimes of reading sounds pretty good to me!



But since I'm only human...it's one book at a time and with two book clubs (one being our Denver7 Book Club), I usually get through about three books a month. My girls are now 10 and 13 years old, and while I loved the baby stage, reading with them at this age is even more fun. We find ourselves at the library or bookstore at least twice a month and it's fun to pick up three copies of the same book and hold our own mini book club.

I always have a running list of my five favorite books. It does change (every once in a while) but there have been a few constants. Here it is...A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving; the Harry Potter series (hard to pick just one) by J.K. Rowling; The Hearts Invisible Furies by John Boyne; A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles and if you have the patience for a really long but amazing book - Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts.

My piece of advice to our young readers is to always carry a book around with you! I'm personally a hard cover kind of girl but encourage you to read whatever you can get your hands on. It's so nice to put down the phone and pick up the pages. My biggest fear is a world without books...or writers...or libraries (which I'm so glad Jefferson County Library Foundation supports)...or cozy independent book stores (like our Denver7 Book Club partner, Tattered Cover).

I'm proud to work for a station that cares about books and literacy as much as I do. Denver7 Read to Lead is our community commitment to supporting literacy in Colorado. Through community partnerships and initiatives, we work to increase access to books, encourage reading and educate folks on the importance of reading for all ages. We're thrilled to partner with Jefferson County Library Foundation on this year's Whale of a Used Book Sale events. And I'm looking forward to being part of the conversation at the Books on Film event in July. *

Lisa Hidalgo is Denver7's morning weather meteorologist and a native who is in love with Colorado. After graduating from Green Mountain High School and then the University of Colorado with a BS in Broadcast Journalism, her career has taken her all over the state from Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and she even did a brief stint at a station in Las Vegas. Lisa has a sweet husband, two sweet little girls and two sometimes-sweet chihuahuas. She loves reading, knitting and running.

Get Lisa's forecasts on Denver7 – and sister station, Local 3 – at www.TheDenverChannel.com or on Denver7+, available online or

OUR BOOKS ON FILM SERIES LAUNCHES WITH “WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING”

Nothing is better on a hot summer night than a cool theater, a warm bag of popcorn, a cold soft drink and a really good movie. That's what JCLF is banking on to attract booklovers and movie goers for this year's key fundraiser as part of our new Books On Film series.

We are starting off with the film adaptation of Delia Owens' popular novel, “Where the Crawdads Sing,” which will premier at the **Regal UA Cinemas at Colorado Mills Mall** on Friday, July 22. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the film starts at 6:30 p.m.

We are thrilled that Lisa Hidalgo, news reporter and meteorologist from Denver7 television, will be our moderator for a post-film interactive discussion about the book and the movie. An avid reader, Lisa also hosts the **Denver7 Book Club**, and fans faithfully follow her monthly “picks.”

Tickets for the film premier are \$50 per person and include reserved seating (in a theatre that is exclusive for JCLF guests), popcorn and a soft drink, an opportunity to be part of the moderated discussion, plus several chances to win great prizes via the after-film prize drawing.

For tickets, visit www.jeffclf.org, or call 303-403-5075. *



HERE IT COMES! OUR SPRING WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE!

Please mark your calendars for JCLF's signature, semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sale coming June 2-5 at the **Jeffco Fairgrounds** in Golden. One of the key ways by which we raise funds to support our public library is through these gigantic book sales, and last year the spring and fall sales helped us generate over \$81,000.

This year's big sale will feature thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and rare books, along

with a variety of themed gift baskets created by our talented volunteers **Sandy Kramer** and **Mickey Lytle**.

The sale will begin Thursday evening, June 2, with the Friends-Only Preview Night occurring from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., where Friends of the Library are admitted for free. The sale will then open to the public from Friday through Sunday, June 3-5. For eager shoppers, on Friday we are offering Early Bird opening from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for a \$10 per person fee (good for the day, including regular hours). Regular shopping hours for Friday and Saturday will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday the sale is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General admission is \$5 per person daily. Children up to age 18 are admitted at no charge.

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



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS...

What has 400 arms, 400 legs and sells used books? The volunteers at JCLF's Whale of a Used Book Sales! Each year, these massive sales require an army of 200 volunteers (and their 800 arms and legs), and this year we are asking YOU to be part of this team.

Our semi-annual book sales are some of the most popular events held in Jefferson County. JCLF brings thousands and thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, themed gift baskets and rare/collectible books to the Jeffco Fairgrounds exhibit halls to the delight of thousands of booklovers who browse and buy during the four-day sales event.

As you can imagine, we need lots of volunteers to assist in this effort. And to show our appreciation, every volunteer earns 2 free books for every four-hour shift!

Set-up for our spring 2022 sale begins June 1. The sale will be held June 2 through June 5. For more information, and to sign up for our Whale of a Used Book Sale, visit www.whalesale.org, or call us at 303-403-5075. *



WHALE OF A USED Book Sale

SPRING 2022

Thurs.- Sun., JUNE 2 - 5

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

Admission: \$5 adult/day (under 18 free)

THURS., JUNE 2, 6 PM - 8 PM
Friends ONLY Preview Night

FRI., JUNE 3, 9 AM - 5 PM
Early Bird (8 AM - 9 AM + Full Day) \$10 Admission

SAT., JUNE 4, 9 AM - 5 PM
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WHALE'S TALE KEEPS SWIMMING ALONG

Just like the iconic Energizer™ Bunny, JCLF's **Whale's Tale Books & Gifts Shop in Colorado Mills Mall** keeps going...and going!! In fact, it has far exceeded our sales expectations throughout this past year.

Our December 2021 financial records show that gross revenues for that month (including in-kind contributions, Friends memberships and cash donations) reached \$24,487. This exceeds the benchmark set in December 2020 of more than \$19,000.

Looking at gross revenues for the entire year (January through December 2021), our income was \$152,467. Direct and indirect costs (including contract labor, staff salaries and benefits, credit card fees, supplies, etc.) show that we netted \$69,880 in FY 2021.



The Energizer Bunny is a trademark of ENERGIZER BRANDS, LLC



"We are thrilled that our storefront operation has done so beautifully," says

JCLF Board President **Ana Rojas-Artica**. "By raising more money, we are able to contribute more funding to the Library while also helping to cover JCLF's operations costs. This is really a win/win for all of us!"

Because the storefront has proven to be such a success, JCLF recently signed a 2nd year-long lease on the space, which is located near Entrance #5 and next door to Dick's Sporting Goods. *

MORE THAN A YEAR LATER – WHALE'S TALE IS STILL GOING STRONG

The success of our used bookstore is no accident and it takes a lot of hard work by our staff and especially our dedicated volunteers who man (and woman!) the shop. Whale's Tale Books & Gifts is open from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Volunteer shifts are three hours each, and each volunteer earns two free books for each shift served.

If you would like to assist us with cashiering, customer service, merchandise displays and stocking, please call JCLF's Volunteer & Friends Coordinator Kirstin Kraig at 303-403-5072, or email her at kirstin@jeffclf.org.

TIME TO DINE & DONATE!

Here's a winning combination! Come dine at **240 Union Restaurant** in Lakewood on Tuesday, September 20, and 25% of all the day's food sales will be donated to our Jefferson County Library Foundation!

Whether you're hungry for lunch, happy hour fare or dinner, just mention our name to your server and JCLF will receive a donation thanks to you!

We are grateful to **Michael Coughlin**, owner of 240 Union Restaurant, for hosting this event to benefit our Foundation.

The restaurant is located at 240 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80228. It opens for lunch at 11 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. weekdays. For reservations, call 303.989.3562 or visit www.240union.com. *



COLORADO WOMEN'S DAY YIELDS FUNDING FOR JCLF

Our Foundation was once again chosen as one of the beneficiaries of this year's **Colorado Women's Day** celebration. This year was the seventh annual event, and just as the celebration has grown year after year, the roster of activities has also expanded!

The three-day event kicked off at the Golden History Museum on March 9 with a presentation by CJ Brafford on Colorado's Ute Indian People and their first female trailblazers. The next day at the Denver Marriott West, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Colorado Women's Day hosted a "running for public office" workshop presented by Joni Inman and Cheryl Fernandez, while in the afternoon participants enjoyed a self-improvement workshop presented by Betsy Wiersma and Christy Belz.

The highpoint of the celebration was an awards luncheon held at the hotel on Friday, March 11, preceded by a panel discussion focusing on women's health issues, and a reception with various elected officials and candidates for public office. The roster of awards featured the Shattered Glass Award (for women who have broken through the Glass Ceiling) and the Unsung Heroine Award (for women who have not been publicly recognized for their volunteer efforts). Added honors went to women and girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Wonderful Woman in the Arts award, the Woman Who C.A.R.E.s award and the Outstanding Woman in Business.

JCLF was pleased to receive a check for \$800 as our share of the event proceeds, funding that will help us continue in our mission to provide financial support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library.

To see a list of award winners, sponsors and photos from the event, visit www.ixpowerfoundation.org *



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** and raised over \$6,600 for the Evergreen and Conifer branches of Jefferson County Public Library. A special thank you to the **Theda and Tamblin Clark Smith Family Foundation** for their donation of \$2,500. Join us October 27, 2022 for this year's event! *

BAILA CONMIGO SET TO ENTERTAIN AT OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Hang onto your sombreros! JCLF will be hosting its annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Friday, July 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Anderson Park Pavilion in Wheat Ridge.

This year, we are happy to announce that the folk group, **Baila Conmigo International Dance**, will be featured entertainers for this summertime celebration and awards ceremony.

Baila Conmigo incorporates unique and vibrant dances of Spanish and Latin influence, including Mexico, Peru, Argentina and more! The dancers' ages range from 3 to 27 years old and they have many years of experience performing for a wide range of audiences.

The dance troupe is led by **Ana Rojas-Artica**, our Foundation's board president.

At the picnic, JCLF will also be paying tribute to some of our most dedicated volunteers bestowing honors for the Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Leadership Service, the Elena Joyce Grissom Lifetime Achievement award, and our newest tribute – the Linda Abbott Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence. Lucky guests can also win valuable prizes during our door prize drawing.

The picnic is free for our volunteers, but we do require pre-event registration. To sign up, please visit our website at www.jeffclf.org and click on "volunteer." *



OUR NEWEST FRIENDS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

JCLF is proud to announce that two key sponsors have recently joined the ranks as our 2022 Friends Community Partners – **Denver7 (KMGH-TV)** and **Comcast**.



THE DENVER CHANNEL.COM

Denver7 has agreed to be our media sponsor this year and will help us promote both the fall and spring Whale of a Used Book Sales slated for June 2-5 and October 20-23. Denver7 will offer JCLF pre-event

interviews, inclusion in Denver7 Things to Do (an online article and on-air mentions in the Friday 11 a.m. News as well as Saturday 9 a.m. News) for each book sale.

Other bonuses for JCLF include a web article on TheDenverChannel.com website for each Whale Sale, and one of the television station's news reporters and weather personalities, Lisa Hidalgo, will serve as our discussion moderator for JCLF's new Books On Film fundraiser this summer.

Comcast has been a previous sponsor of our Foundation's Rare & Novel events, and last year Comcast donated a mountain of new children's toys to the Library to be used as part of JCLF's Kids & Families programming. This is the first time the company has agreed to be a Friends Community Partner at the \$5,000 level.



Comcast is currently promoting its Internet Essentials program, and the company

is proud to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) that offers long-term financial assistance to qualified households of up to \$30/month toward Internet service.

Both Denver7 and Comcast will receive high-profile acknowledgement at all JCLF events this year, including name/logo placement on promotional materials, recognition via social media and our website, name/logo on our giveaway bookbags, banner placement at our Whale Sales, and more.

Many thanks to Denver7 and Comcast for your support! *

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS COMMUNITY PARTNERS?

JCLF's Friends Community Partners consist of several businesses and organizations that show their support for JCLF by contributing from \$500 to over \$10,000 each year (and in exchange receive year-round recognition from the Foundation). Besides Denver7 and Comcast, our 2022 roster also features **Bank of Colorado, Bandimere Speedway, Pinkard Construction, 50 Plus Marketplace News, Colorado Women's Day and Stevinson Toyota West.**

JCLF is truly grateful for the outstanding financial and in-kind support we are receiving from these valued sponsors! *

PAGES FOR THE PLANET

If you want to help someone learn how to read and then enjoy the benefits of reading, you can now donate to **Pages for the Planet**, which is raising funds to ship donated books from the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) and other donors to build three libraries in Africa.



Pages for the Planet is a collaboration between these 501(c)(3) nonprofits - **JCLF**, the **IX Power Foundation**, and the **Simwatachela Sustainable Agricultural & Arts Program (SSAAP)**. The effort is a spin-off from the annual Colorado Women's Day celebration. The goal is to build two unique libraries in Zambia and Sierra Leone, and a third library dedicated specifically to peaceful coexistence in Sierra Leone.

As many of us know, the people of Sierra Leone, in particular, have endured unfathomable strife and hardship in recent years, and they could benefit from the education offered by a Peace Library. Any size donation is welcome and all proceeds will go toward the cost of shipping the books overseas. To contribute, visit: <https://gofund.me/f0786c17>

When Ukraine is ready, Pages for the Planet can help it rebuild, as well. Please stay tuned to our website for frequent updates: www.jeffclf.org. *

THIS YEAR'S LIBRARY SUMMER CHALLENGE!

For more than a decade, our Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) has hosted an annual summer reading and learning program. This is known as the **Library Summer Challenge**, and this year the popular eight-week event will launch on **June 1 and run through July 31**.

The theme for this year's Summer Challenge is Dive Deep, and the Library is hoping all participants will do just that – dive deep into reading, dive deep into learning and dive deep into fun activities and events that JCPL has planned throughout the summer!

As part of the Summer Challenge, the library is offering a whole host of programs and events. Here are a few of the highlights:

For little ones and grade school-age children:

- **Jelly Fish Art with the Arvada Center**
- **Dive into Magic with Magic Rob**
- **Butterfly Effect Theatre**
- **Tide Pool Treasures, in conjunction with the Downtown Aquarium**

For teenagers and pre-teens, the Library will again sponsor its very popular short story writing contest, which includes the help of local authors. Plus, JCPL will be offering multiple camps for this age group, such as:

- **Teen and Tween short story writing camps**
- **Teen and tween robotics camps**
- **Stop-motion animation camp**
- **Culinary Camp**
- **Fashion Academy Camp**

For Adults:

- **Dive into Watercolor**
- **The Science of Listening to Lakes**

Each year, the Library Summer Challenge helps keep children and teens engaged in reading and learning throughout the summer, preventing the loss of reading skills, something known in academic circles as the "summer slide." We also enlist parents and other adults to serve as reading and learning role models to help encourage younger readers to read and learn all summer long and maintain those skills when it's time to return to school each fall.

Another way the Library keeps participants engaged in the program is by offering valuable prizes, such as free books and book bags, when readers meet certain goals and then

finish the program. JCLF has recruited these cash sponsors to support the Library Summer Challenge: **Applewood Community Foundation, FirstBank, the Golden Civic Foundation, and the Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation**. Prize sponsors for the Summer Challenge include **Elich Gardens** and the **Downtown Aquarium**.

There is also a community challenge! We have found that prizes are not an incentive for everyone and some people find motivation in helping others. The Library has chosen **Jeffco Eats** as its community partner this year because food insecurity during the summer affects many Jeffco children and teens. As the community reads and learns, they also earn money for Jeffco Eats.

Pre-registration for the Library Summer Challenge opens on May 1. Please visit the Library's website for details at www.jeffcolibrary.org – and then register and participate! *



Thank you to our 2022 Friends Community Partners



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN A SPECIAL WAY

Jill Schmidt was a long-time resident of Jefferson County, having lived in Arvada for more than 60 years. During her professional career, Jill was a teacher and reading specialist at Wheat Ridge High School, and the Standley Lake Library was her home library.

Unfortunately, Jill passed away last September, but now her family (sons **Mark and Paul Schmidt** and daughter **Yvonne Schmidt Savarise**) is ready to honor Jill and their late father, George, with a memorial contribution from their joint estate.

"My mother's passion was teaching," explains Yvonne, recalling that Jill enjoyed contributing to children's and adult literacy programs. That's another reason the brother and sister want to provide a gift to the place their parents cherished and used so much – Jefferson County Public Library.

To show their appreciation, the family is designating over \$19,000 from their parents' estate specifically for Standley Lake Library.

Speaking on behalf of her brother, Yvonne adds: "We are so grateful for this chance to honor our parents. It warms my heart to be able to donate, and to give back to the community."

Each year, our Foundation greatly appreciates the many contributions that come to us as a result of planned giving and bequests. Last year, planned giving resulted in more than \$90,000 from the estates of **Roderick Carroll, Carol Christensen and Warren Roeske**, monies that were distributed to our Foundation as a result of IRAs, gifts of stock, life insurance policies and more.

Planned giving is a way for our donors to contribute, even after they have passed away. JCLF recognizes these donors via our Legacy Chapter, a select group of individuals who have made us aware of their estate plans, and who are setting an example of charitable giving through their bequests.

To learn more about the Legacy Chapter, contact:

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