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# Foundation News

## Welcome Carole Benjamin

JCLF is pleased to welcome our contract bookkeeper, **Carole Benjamin!** Carole joined our organization in February and has become a valued member of our team.

Carole has more than 10 years of experience in the bookkeeping field, and holds an MBA from the University of Utah. She served as a bookkeeper/accountant at the law firm of Murray, Dahl, Beery & Renaud, LLP and recently worked at St. James Presbyterian Church and Supporting Strategies, a bookkeeping service. She is also one of the founders and former executive director of the Rocky Mountain Rett Association.



Welcome, Carole!

## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

We are often asked, "How can I become a Friend of the Library?" The answer is simple – you can sign up online via our website, or you can fill out a form in JCLF's Friends brochure.



Friends memberships start at just \$15 for the year for students and teachers, followed by \$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples and \$40 for Supporters. Beyond those levels, Sponsor members contribute \$100 annually, Patrons are at \$250 and our Conservators donate \$500 or more.

On top of it all, your membership fee is tax-deductible!

What is the advantage of being a Friend of Jefferson County Public Library? For one thing, you receive an exclusive invitation to attend Friends-only Preview Night for both our spring and fall Whale of a Used Book Sales. That means you have first choice for all the best books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records at the sale. As an added plus, Friends members receive a 10% discount at our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop in Colorado Mills Mall, and during our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales you can take advantage of half-price days each Saturday of these sales.

Our Friends also receive our Footnotes newsletter and invitations to special Friends events held throughout the year.

## Friends of JCPL Membership Levels

Not only are all memberships completely tax deductible, they also "multiply the good" and come with some great benefits.

### Student/Teacher \$15

- Admission to Preview Night Spring Whale Sale
- Admission to Preview Night Fall Whale Sale
- 10% year-round discount at Whale's Tale Books & Gifts at Colorado Mills Mall
- Invitations to Friends-only events
- Friends e-newsletter
- One Friends membership card

### Individual \$20

- Admission to Preview Night Spring Whale Sale
- Admission to Preview Night Fall Whale Sale
- 10% year-round discount at Whale's Tale Books & Gifts at Colorado Mills Mall
- Invites to Friends-only events
- Friends e-newsletter
- One Friends membership card

### Couple \$30

- All the Individual perks, and . . .
- One additional Friends membership card (two total)

### Supporter \$40

- All of the Couple perks, and . . .
- 10% discount on ticketed Friends events
- 2 additional Friends membership cards (4 total)

### Sponsor \$100

- All the Supporter perks, and . . .
- 10% discount at Friends Holiday Book Sales

### Patron \$250

- All the Sponsor perks, and . . .
- Free admission for two to a Friends ticketed event\*
- 10% discount at Friends Holiday Book Sales

### Conservator \$500+

- All the Patron perks, and . . .
- Two free admissions for each of two Friends ticketed events\*

\*This perk applies to the primary cardholder, not all individual card holders within the membership.

Corporate sponsorships for Friends of JCPL are available and give local businesses the opportunity to give all their employees some Friends benefits.

# Director's Notes



This spring marks several notable anniversary events for the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF). For one thing, this is the 57th year of our organization's existence and the continuance of our mission to provide fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL).

For nearly six decades, our small nonprofit has helped provide hundreds of thousands of dollars for Library programs such as Early Childhood Literacy, Culture Passes, the Swank Movie License, STEM/STEAM events and activities, and the annual Library Summer Challenge.

JCLF has also hosted the Whale of a Used Book Sale every year since 2001. That's a track record of more than 20 years where we have produced these incredibly popular sales! Our Foundation is also heading into the third year of our newest book sales enterprise, our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts storefront in Colorado Mills Mall. In addition, and during the past six years, we have expanded our sales revenues through our online storefront (Jeffco Friends), and by forming agreements with outside vendors who either purchase our books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records outright, or sell them on consignment.

Through these efforts, not only are we providing support for JCPL, we are also recirculating good reading and entertainment materials back into our Jeffco community.

Above all, we are proud to point out that items donated to JCLF avoid winding up in the landfill because we have so many ways we repurpose contributions not only from the public, but also the various materials that are deaccessioned from the Library.

I'm grateful to you – our donors, Friends, volunteers and supporters – who are helping us mark these organizational milestones, and who are helping us fulfill our mission this year and every year.

Thank you!

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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SUPPORT THE POSSIBILITIES



## Anchors Aweigh for our Spring Whale of a Used Book Sale!

Booklovers ahoy! Our first Whale of a Used Book Sale of 2023 will be held June 1-4 at the **Jeffco Fairgrounds**, 15200 W. 6th Avenue in Golden. Since we held our last sale in fall 2022, our Foundation has netted thousands more books, CDs, DVDs, vintage books, maps, vinyl records and more for this year's big event.

The sale will begin on Thursday, June 1, with our Friends-only Preview Night from 6 to 8 p.m. If you aren't yet a Friend of the Library, you can sign up that night and join other Friends in being the first to buy books and other materials from our huge sales inventory!

On Friday, June 2, the sale launches with Early Bird entry (for \$10 per adult) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and includes



VOLUNTEER AT THE WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE AND GET TWO FREE BOOKS FOR EVERY FOUR HOURS THAT YOU VOLUNTEER!

admission all day up to 5 p.m. Saturday hours, June 3, are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday hours, June 4, are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is a daily entry fee of \$5 per adult, and children under age 18 are free. New this year, on Saturday, June 3, we are waiving the entry fee for families who can produce their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) card or an official letter indicating that their children are eligible for free/reduced lunches at Jeffco schools. These families also receive a free children's book!

Besides collecting tens of thousands of sales items, we are also in the process of recruiting dozens more volunteers who can assist us at this big event. We need help with sale set-up/tear-down, cashiers, greeters, table tidiers, and volunteer check-in, along with kitchen helpers who oversee the snacks and refreshments that we provide for our volunteers.

During the sale, we will need some strong volunteers to help lift boxes of books at small volume reserve and large volume reserve stations, plus we need sturdy cart runners – individuals who can assist large volume book buyers in carting purchases to their vehicles.

And there is a reward in turn for volunteer work! Each of our volunteers receives free breakfasts and lunches during event set-up, lots of no-cost snacks at our volunteer kitchen, plus a light dinner during tear-down on June 4.

But that's not all! Volunteers can earn two free books (or other materials) for every four-hour shift they work!

If you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website at <https://jeffclf.org>, click on "How To Help," and then "Volunteer." Or, call us at 303-403-5072 and speak with **Kirstin Kraig**, our volunteer coordinator.



**WHALE OF A USED  
Book Sale  
SPRING 2023**

**Thurs.- Sun., JUNE 1 - 4**

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

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

**THURS., JUNE 1, 6 PM - 8 PM**  
Friends ONLY Preview Night

**FRI., JUNE 2, 9 AM - 5 PM**  
Early Bird (8 AM - 9 AM + Full Day) \$10 Admission

**SAT., JUNE 3, 9 AM - 5 PM**  
Teachers, Friends of JCPL, and Jeffco Employees save 50% on purchases (with ID)

**SUN., JUNE 4, 11 AM - 3 PM**  
Bag Day, Bag of Books starting at \$8

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## The Latest News From Our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts Shop

Two-and-a-half years ago, JCLF opened a new storefront operation in Colorado Mills Mall. This bookstore – **Whale's Tale Books & Gifts** – was opened out of necessity because at that time (and due to the COVID-19 pandemic), our organization needed more space to sell an over-abundance of books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records. This unusual flood of donations was a result of families weeding out closets, bookcases, basements and home offices while they remained quarantined at home.

Since that time, Whale's Tale has become a rock star in generating unrestricted dollars that help support Library programs, events and activities. The monies have also helped our Foundation grow in physical size and in our staffing.

The year 2022 was the second full year that we were in business, and we are proud to say that our 3,000-square-foot shop generated more than \$160,000 in gross sales and brought in nearly \$75,000 in net revenues.

But if you think we only sell used items, you are wrong! This busy little shop also offers many new items beyond gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and creative themed gift baskets. Whale's Tale also boasts brand new inventory, including Honeyville products, scented candles, greeting cards, journals, bookmarks, jewelry, scarves, reading glasses, candy, and more!

Above all, we are proud that so many of our happy customers share good comments about our storefront, the quality of items and the courtesy of our volunteer workers and paid staff:

*"Thanks to a staff member today directing me to an additional history area for the book I was looking for – I love this place!"*

*"Such friendly service! I always find something I can't live without."*

*"I love this store. Glad it's open."*

*"Staff was outstanding! Very helpful and very nice. I always enjoy browsing your shop."*

Whale's Tale is open Sunday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



### WE WANT TO APPLAUD OUR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS WHO STAFF WHALE'S TALE BOOKS & GIFTS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK:

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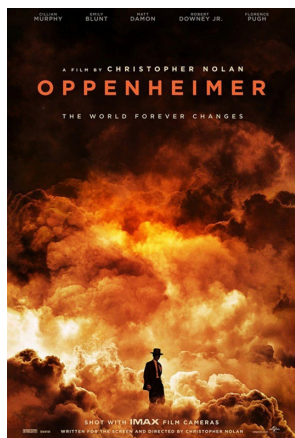
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Interested in volunteering at our storefront? These volunteers earn 2 free books for each 3-hour shift! Contact **Kirstin Kraig** at 303-403-5072, or [kirstin@jeffclf.org](mailto:kirstin@jeffclf.org).



## "Oppenheimer" Headlines JCLF's "Books on Film" Fundraiser

On Friday evening, July 21st, you are invited to join our Foundation for the second event in our newest fundraising series – "Books On Film." Through this film series, we are providing our guests with a private screening of top Hollywood film productions that have transitioned from the pages of a book to the silver screen.



This year, we are featuring "Oppenheimer," based on the biography "American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer" written by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. The movie is directed by Christopher Nolan and stars Cillian Murphy, Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Florence Pugh, Rami Malek and Robert Downey, Jr.

The storyline focuses on physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the historic Manhattan Project, which ultimately leads to the development of the atomic bomb. "Oppenheimer" is based on the true story of a scientific innovation that signaled the outcome of World War II and marked an unforgettable human tragedy.

**Denver7** meteorologist **Lisa Hidalgo** will serve as our event emcee, and she will also moderate the post-film audience discussion of both the book and the film.

Tickets are \$50 per person and our guests will be seated in a private, reserved theatre at **Regal UA Colorado Mills**. Ticketholders will also receive free popcorn and a beverage, eligibility in the door prize drawing, and the opportunity to join in the interactive discussion.

Event sponsorships are also available and include free tickets to "Books On Film," acknowledgement on the big screen, and more!

"Books On Film" is supported by our Friends Community Partners: **Denver7, Comcast Internet Essentials, Bandimere Speedway, Bank of Colorado, Pinkard Construction, 50 Plus Marketplace News, Colorado Women's Day, Confluence Companies, and Stevinson Toyota West.**

For more information and ticket or sponsorship sales, visit <https://jeffclf.org> or call 303-403-5075.

## ALOHA! Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is Coming in July!

Calling all JCLF volunteers! Time to get out your grass skirts and think of palm trees, warm sands and a blue ocean. The 2023 theme for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will focus on Hawaii!

This year's celebration will be held on Friday, July 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the outdoor patio at **Brookdale Meridian Westland**, 10695 W. 17th Ave., in Lakewood. The food and décor will reflect a Hawaiian-style luau. But that's not all!

Our special entertainment will feature dancers of all ages from **Tehani's Hula Colorado**. This dance school is operated by **Kainoa Gardon**, the creative director, and her daughter, **Noelani**. Kainoa was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she fell in love with Polynesian dance and music. For many years she toured throughout the U.S. and Canada as a Polynesian dancer and choreographer. Today she and her daughter teach classes for students ages 2 through adulthood and at all levels of skills.

We will be sending out invitations soon, so be sure to RSVP. Hawaiian-style attire is encouraged.

Have questions? Call 303-403-5075, or watch our website for more details at <https://jeffclf.org>.



TEHANI'S HULA COLORADO DANCERS

## Jefferson County Library Foundation Hosts 2023 Friend Annual Meeting

Friends of Jefferson County Public Library and the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) were proud to host #1 **Denver Post** bestselling author **Emily Littlejohn** as the featured speaker for this year's Friends Annual Meeting. The luncheon and presentation took place Friday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **Wheat Ridge Rec Center** 4005 Kipling St., in Wheat Ridge.



JCLF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JO SCHANTZ AND AUTHOR EMILY LITTLEJOHN

Littlejohn is a popular local author well known for her mystery series featuring the character **Detective Gemma Monroe**. The four novels in the series are all set in the fictional town of Cedar Valley, CO, and include: "**Inherit the Bones**," "**A Season to Lie**," "**Lost Lake**" and "**Shatter the Night**."

Even as she debuted her very first book, this author has received high praise for her work, such as this comment from the **Raleigh News & Observer**: "Emily Littlejohn creates a colorful mix of circus lore, town intrigue, class privilege and police procedural. Add in a pregnant detective, always a favorite for me, and we have a definite winner."

Although raised in Southern California, Littlejohn now calls Colorado home and wears several hats as mother, writer and mentor. She has also worked in diverse industries ranging from libraries to information technology. Her first book, "**Inherit the Bones**," received critical acclaim and was a finalist for the **2017 Colorado Book Awards** as was "**Lost Lake**" in 2020.



FRIENDS ENJOY A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON FROM BONO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsors for this year's annual meeting included: **Rocky Mountain Safety and Security**, **Dr. Jackie O'Beirne**, **Foothills Vision Center** and the **Taurus Fund**. This event is also supported by JCLF's 2023 Friends Community Partners: **Bandimere Speedway**, **Bank of Colorado**, **Comcast Internet Essentials**, **Confluence Companies**, **Denver7**, **Pinkard Construction**, **Stevinson Toyota West**, **2023 Colorado Women's Day**, and **50 Plus Marketplace News**.

## THANK YOU LIBRARY GIVING DAY DONORS

### Library Giving Day

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Thank You 2023 Friends Community Partners



## READERS GET READY! HERE COMES THE LIBRARY SUMMER CHALLENGE!

Each summer, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) hosts its popular summer reading program – the Library Summer Challenge. But it's not only just for fun. The challenge actually has a special purpose in that it helps keep children and teens engaged in reading and learning throughout the summer without losing their level of reading skill, something known in academic circles as the "summer slide."

The program also enlists parents and other adults to serve as "reading role models" for younger readers. That way, students are encouraged to maintain those key literacy skills when it's time to return to school in the fall. The program is also well suited for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, helping them gain language, comprehension and communications skills and to become reading ready by the time they enter kindergarten.

The Library Summer Challenge is one of the key programs that our Foundation helps to support, and this year, we have promised to provide \$30,000 in funding toward this literacy initiative.

For 2023, the program theme is "**Cultivate Kindness**," emphasizing kindness, community, and service. Participants of all ages will be able to read or complete other learning activities to earn points and special prizes.

"Each year, JCPL engages thousands of Jeffco readers in this eight-week program, from June 1st through July 31st," says **Cindy Jaye**, JCPL program manager. "This year, our goal is to enroll more than 29,000 county residents in our Library Summer Challenge."

Here are a few of the children's activities and events tied to "Cultivate Kindness:"

**Magic Mania Camp** – Abracadabra! Tap into your inner magician as you learn the building blocks of magic with Denver magician **Scott McCray**. Then at the end of camp, show off your new skills with a dazzling magic show!

**Storytelling Through Comics Camp** – Calling all artists, graphic novel lovers and anyone who just wants to tell their story their way! Harness the creative power of visual storytelling through comics, under the guidance of a professional artist and comic book nerd. Learn the basics of scripting, drawing and laying out your own comics on the subject of your choice!



**Rockin' LEGO® Robotics Camp** – Everything is awesome for fans of LEGO® and robotics at the library! Design and build your very own LEGO® robots to set into motion!

**Mission to Mars Camp** – Travel to the stars during this out-of-this-world space training program! Learn all about space, rockets and what it takes to be an astronaut. Then, create and launch a cool rocket of your own!

**Teen Culinary Camp** – Calling all Chefs ages 12 to 18! Have fun while learning the fundamentals for cooking and become the ultimate teen chef at this summer's Culinary Camp. This five-day culinary experience is happening at **Castles and Kitchens** in Conifer for teens of all skill levels.

**Teen Fashion Camp** – Calling all teens with a passion for fashion! Spend the week exploring your couture creativity by learning how to design, sketch and sew your own fantastic fashions with local designer **Debra Zerr**. There's no end to the incredible pieces you can create!

The Challenge will also include a popular **Teen Writing Competition** and area schools can vie for cash prizes when they gain the most participation and points earned during the event. New this year, **Denver Pet Partners** is the recipient of JCPL's community goal award and can receive up to \$500 towards their mission of enhancing the health and wellness of people through animal-assisted intervention (AAI) services. Denver Pet Partners provides the support animals for the Library's PAWs for Reading programs. For every five million points our community earns through the Library Summer Challenge, \$100 will go to Denver Pet Partners.



The Jefferson County Library Foundation is proud to provide these cash prizes for the winning schools and to Denver Pet Partners as part of our support for JCPL. To sign up for the Library Summer Challenge, visit <https://jeffcolibrary.org>.



## Join in JCLF'S Book Drive and Shred-A-Thon!

Banking on the success of our event from last summer, our Foundation will be hosting another book drive and shred-a-thon at the **Bank of Colorado**, 275 Union Blvd. in Lakewood, on Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Our book donation truck will be positioned in one part of the bank parking lot, and the shred-a-thon will be located nearby.



This is your chance to donate and repurpose those beloved books you've finished reading, and also to safely shred your personal documents – all at the

same time, all at the same place!

The shred-a-thon will be hosted by our event partner **Altitude Docushred**. As with last year, the company will supply a huge truck and a team of employees to help customers unload sensitive papers and shred the documents on site.

All we request is a \$20 donation per vehicle for the shredding service, and we will also accept other cash donations.

If you would like to volunteer for the event, or if you have questions, please call us at 303-403-5075 for details.

## Eat, Drink and Help Raise Funds!

**Dine & Donate!** It's a deal that's hard to beat. If you're looking for a night out for a fine dinner, join JCLF on Tuesday, September 19, at **240 Union Creative Grille** and not only will you enjoy a fabulous meal, you'll also be supporting our Foundation! All day on that date, 25% of all food purchases will be contributed back to the Foundation.



Last year, a similar day-long event netted JCLF more than \$2,100!

"This is such a popular and easy way to help support our Foundation and the Library," explains **Susan Spring**, JCLF's marketing/communications and office coordinator. "We hope many of our supporters will mark that date on the calendar and plan to participate."

The restaurant is located at 240 Union Blvd. in Lakewood. Reservations can be made online at [240Union.com](http://240Union.com). Special thanks go to Michael Coughlin, owner of 240 Union Creative Grille, for hosting this special Dine & Donate event!

## September 30 Marks Another Barnes & Noble Bookfair

If you love to buy books, and if you especially like to buy NEW books, please visit **Barnes & Noble in Denver West Village**, Lakewood, on Saturday, September 30. On that date, JCLF will be the beneficiary of a special bookfair! That means our nonprofit will earn a percentage of the day's sales (both in-store and online) when Barnes & Noble shoppers purchase items on that date.

And we're not just talking about books! JCLF can earn money when shoppers purchase of ebooks, magazines, movies, music, toys and games.

Customers will receive a printed voucher to hand to cashiers when they pay for their purchases. The store will then count up the vouchers and contribute a percentage of the sales back to JCLF.

For more details, visit [www.jeffclf.org](http://www.jeffclf.org).



## Vendor Spotlight – Dream Books



Over the past five years, JCLF has formed a very valuable partnership with one of our key vendors – **Dream Books Company**. Through our contract agreement, Dream Books accepts all our books and donated materials that are either not the right quality or the kinds of items that we can sell at our Whale of a Used Book Sales, our Jeffco Friends online storefront, or at our Whale’s Tale Books & Gifts shop.

The founder of Dream Books is **David Chung**, a young entrepreneur who launched the book-selling business in 2008 in his parents’ basement. At that time, David was a freshman at the University of Colorado, Denver, and he roped in a few of his friends to help him get the idea rolling.



Fast forward 15 years, and you’ll see that David’s small-time operation has become a big-time behemoth! Today, he has more than 20 employees, and his business is now located in a huge warehouse complex at 4455 Grape Street in Denver. On average, Dream Books processes 20,000 books each day, which amounts to 2.8 million books annually. The on-line operation markets,

sells, packages up, and mails out books and materials not just nationally but globally.

“It’s a lot of work,” David admits, “but we have a great team that is dedicated to making the process as efficient as possible.”

As his business has grown, David also has formed partnerships with the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation,

Boulder Public Library, Arapahoe Public Library, Tattered Cover Book Store, BookGive, Eco-Cycle, The Salvation Army, Denver Public Schools, Cherry Creek Public Schools, Douglas County School District and Aurora Public Library.

As for his relationship with JCLF, he says, “Working with the Jefferson County Library Foundation has been a privilege and an honor for Dream Books. They were one of the first library foundations to trust us with their books, and that partnership has only grown stronger over the years.” David recently transitioned out of his role as president of the company and now serves in more of an advisory capacity. “I’m shifting my focus to new



initiatives that will allow us to expand our impact even further – whether it’s through partnerships with more libraries and schools or exploring new ways to support literacy and education,” he explains.

But it isn’t all just about big business and sales. David’s successful enterprise has become his personal mission. “I am glad that we are keeping books out of the landfills and repurposing them,” he states. “I believe that every book deserves a second chance, and it’s a win-win situation for everyone involved: we’re reducing waste, providing affordable books to readers, and we are supporting the communities that we serve.”

## The Next Chapter...

In summer 2018, JCLF began providing a new donation opportunity as part of our fundraising plans. We called it the **Legacy Chapter**.

The Legacy Chapter is a way that couples, families or individuals can ensure that our Foundation is able to continue to fulfill its mission of providing fundraising support for **Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL)**. How? By placing our Foundation in their estate plans. These bequests can be made up of stocks or bonds, real estate, life insurance policies and liquid assets, to name a few examples.

To date, more than a dozen individuals have either signed a Donor Letter of Intent to place JCLF in their wills or they have joined the Legacy Chapter posthumously through a distribution of their estates. In the year 2020, JCLF received more than \$90,000 from various individuals who named our Foundation in their wills.

How can you become a member of the Legacy Chapter? We offer membership to all donors who plan to make an estate gift of any dollar amount to the Jefferson County Library Foundation. Those who want to be part of our Legacy Chapter are asked to inform us of their plans by filling out a Donor Letter of Intent for our records. Although the donor can alter his or her estate plans at any time, this gives our organization valuable information regarding future contributions.

Legacy Chapter contributions can be used in various ways. General contributions can support our operations, help us grow our endowments or can be designated for specific purposes.

There is also another way to join the Legacy Chapter – through our **Giving Circles**.

A donation of at least \$5,000 (and up to \$9,999) will qualify you as a member of the **Director's Circle**. Gifts starting at \$10,000 or more would qualify you as a member of the **President's Circle**.

Through either level of contribution, donors can choose to designate their gift to help support a specific library program, or they can designate those dollars for one of JCLF's three endowments. Once a specific fund reaches a minimum of \$25,000, the donors can name their endowment in honor or in memory of a loved one.

The Legacy Chapter and JCLF's Giving Circles are important ways in which you can continue to support JCLF and JCPL for many years to come. For more information, please contact Jo Schantz, JCLF's executive director, at 303-403-5077, or via email at [jo@jeffclf.org](mailto:jo@jeffclf.org).

### JCLF'S ENDOWMENTS

**What is an endowment?** According to Investopedia: An endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization, which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. An endowment can also refer to the total of a nonprofit institution's investable assets, also known as its "principal" or "corpus," which is meant to be used for operations or programs that are consistent with the wishes of the donor(s).

**Our nonprofit currently holds three endowments.** Two endowments are held at Community First Foundation – a large general purpose endowment, the J.C. Graham Endowment that provides funding for the Library's Kids & Families programming, and our New Generation Endowment that was established at Rose Community Foundation in 2019. Altogether, JCLF's total endowment holdings are near \$700,000.

**Our endowments are important to our Foundation because they provide a nest egg that enables us to continue in our mission of providing financial support and advocacy for our public library.**

## COMMEMORATIVE GIVING

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

Anonymous in memory of William J. Plein	Patricia Bright in memory of David Bright	Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club in memory of Robert D. Schantz	R.W. Rozen in honor of Bob Curci and Joanie Weiss
Cindy Allison in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Paulette Fierle in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Carl Legleiter in memory of Ann Toth	Jo Schantz in memory of Robert D. Schantz
Bandimere Family Foundation in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Kris Fletcher in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Jean Mann in memory of Robert D. Schantz	John Schantz in memory of Robert D. Schantz
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Marcia Breit in memory of Vernon Breit	Tom and Donna Kelly in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Kay Rowland in memory of Robert D. Schantz	Kaily Wood in honor of Pat and Dale Schmitz



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**Dine & Donate – Tuesday, September 19, 240 Union Creative Grille, 240 Union Blvd., Lakewood**

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Saturday, September 30, Denver West Village, 14347 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood**

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