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Welcome

New Volunteer Coordinator

Sandra Tucker



JCLF is pleased to announce that Sandra E. Tucker has been selected to fill a new role at JCLF as our Volunteer & Events Coordinator. Sandra comes to us from Denver Public Library Friends Foundation where she worked as senior manager of philanthropy. She also worked for the American

Transplant Foundation and was founder and executive director for Rocky Mountain Sibs (formerly Sibling Tree). Sandra's expertise is in volunteer management, public speaking, donor cultivation and special events management. Welcome, Sandra!

New Board Member

Dana Harris



Dana Harris is a Colorado native who grew up in Jeffco and graduated from Colorado University. Dana has worked for four great Denver nonprofit organizations and is the Volunteer Manager at JeffcoEats! She is passionate about helping volunteers and loves assisting nonprofits in filling our community's most significant needs. Dana lives in Lakewood and is passionate about literacy, book clubs, and yoga.



Barnes & Noble Bookfair Benefits JCLF

Books, books and MORE books were available at a special Bookfair benefiting JCLF!

This event was held on Saturday, October 7th, at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Denver West Village, Lakewood.

This event was another way that our organization raises monies. A percentage of the day's sales (both in-store and online) was donated by Barnes & Noble when customers purchased books, toys, games and other materials.

For more details, visit <https://jeffclf.org>.

We Want Your Books!

We also want your gently used CDs, DVDs, and vinyl records! And you can donate up to six boxes of items each Monday and Tuesday, at our warehouse in Wheat Ridge, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Why only Monday and Tuesday? During the COVID-19 pandemic, JCLF followed approved health and safety guidelines by quarantining books and materials donated by the public in a POD placed in our parking lot. That meant we could only move the donations into our warehouse on Mondays, and then the quarantine process began all over again.

Today, we continue to accept book donations only on Mondays and Tuesdays because those days we have added staff to assist in accepting these contributions. This helps us control the flow of donations from the public. This schedule also helps our volunteers more easily process the items as they sort, scan and box them up.

Where do the donations go? As the donations are sorted, we distribute them in several ways. Some are boxed and readied for our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales, and some are delivered to our Whale's Tale retail bookstores. The rare and collectible kind are sold via our Jeffco Friends online storefront. We also use these contributions to help stock in-library sales shelves at various JCPL branch locations.

Through our agreements with an outside vendor, we sell a number of books either for a flat rate of pay per pallet or they are sold on consignment. In addition, we set some books aside as donations to other nonprofits as well as for local jails and prisons.

We are proud to tell our donors that none of their contributions to JCLF go to the landfills. There are many ways we distribute these donations and even if books are damaged, our vendor partner arranges for them to be recycled.

What if I can't donate on Monday or Tuesday? If you need to schedule a larger donation (more than six boxes at once) or if you are unable to visit us during regular donation hours, please contact Neil Thoreson, JCLF's warehouse coordinator, and arrange a time that is convenient for you! You can reach him at 303.403.5076 or neil@jeffclf.org. For more information, visit <https://jeffclf.org>.



WHALE OF A USED
Book Sale

Director's Notes



When I first started at JCLF in April 2015, our organizational budget was less than half-a-million dollars, we had three staff members (including me!), and we were situated in a small 2,600 square-foot office/warehouse complex. As for book sale revenues, we sold materials via one outside vendor, and our own sales only took place at our semi-annual Whale of a

Used Book Sales, pop-up tent sales, and at small annual events held in Library meeting rooms.

Today, more than eight years later, our organization has blossomed – in many ways! Our operational budget has nearly doubled, we now have eight staff members, and our office/warehouse space has stretched out into another suite. In addition, we currently have two book sales contracts with an outside vendor, and while we continue on with our huge semi-annual book sales at the Jeffco Fairgrounds, we now have two used bookstores here in Jefferson County!

That means our bargain books (and CDs, DVDs and vinyl records) are available year round for our Jeffco shoppers!

In this newsletter, and on page five, you can learn more about the opening of our second storefront operation – Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts – coming soon to the Belmar Shopping Center.

Along with our new bookstore comes the need for more volunteers! If you can spare part of an afternoon, would you like to help us staff our new bookstore? If so, please contact our Volunteer & Events Coordinator, Sandra Tucker, at (303) 403-5073 or sandra@jeffclf.org.

We also have openings on our all-volunteer Board of Directors. If you would like to learn more about this particular opportunity, please contact me at 303.403.5077, or via email at jo@jeffclf.org.

As always, I extend my gratitude to those of you who continue to support our nonprofit organization in so many ways. *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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NEWS SPLASH! HERE COMES OUR FALL WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE!

Be sure to mark your calendars - the 2023 fall Whale of a Used Book Sale is scheduled to take place Oct. 19-22 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The big semi-annual sale, featuring thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and rare books, will begin Thursday evening Oct. 19, with our Friends-Only Preview Night occurring from 6 to 8 p.m. The sale will open to the public Friday through Sunday, Oct. 20-22.



WHALE OF A USED Book Sale
FALL 2023

Thurs.- Sun., OCT 19-22

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

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

THURS., OCTOBER 19, 6 PM - 8 PM
Friends ONLY Preview Night

FRI., OCTOBER 20, 9 AM - 5 PM
Early Bird (8 AM - 9 AM + Full Day) \$10 Admission

SAT., OCTOBER 21, 9 AM - 5 PM
Teachers, Friends of JCPL, and Jeffco Employees save 50% on purchases (with ID)

SUN., OCTOBER 22, 11 AM - 3 PM
Bag Day, Bag of Books starting at \$10

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On Friday the 20th, we are offering an Early Bird opening from 8 to 9 a.m. for a fee of \$10 per adult. This also gives shoppers admission all throughout the day, up until 5 p.m. Open hours for Saturday the 21st are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday the 22nd, our hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission to the Whale of a Used Book Sale is \$5 per adult daily, with children (up to age 18) free. We are also waiving the admission fee for adults who can produce their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) card or show proof that their children receive free or reduced lunches at school.

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

JCLF WANTS YOU - (TO VOLUNTEER)!

Now that we have two storefront operations – one in Colorado Mills Mall and our second one in Belmar Shopping Center – we are reaching out to our Friends and supporters for some special help. We need more volunteers to help staff both our used bookstores! You can earn a 20% discount by working one or more of the following shifts:

- **Whale's Tale Books & Gifts at Colorado Mills Mall**

*Sunday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.
(Two 3-hour shifts each day)*

*Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(Two 3.5 hour shifts that day)*

- **Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts at Belmar Shopping Center**

*Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(Two 3.5 hour shifts each day)*

To sign up or for more information, please contact our Volunteer & Events Coordinator Sandra Tucker at 303.403.5073, or sandra@jeffclf.org



WHALE'S TALE Books & Gifts

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of amazing volunteers to help run our special bookstores. Contact Sandra at sandra@jeffclf.org or call 303-403-5075!




NEW THIS YEAR AT THE WHALE SALE: COSTUME CONTEST & TRUNK OR TREAT!

New this year! JCLF is partnering with Colorado State University Extension in Jefferson County (CSUE) to capitalize on Halloween! On Sunday, October 22, don your best costumes for a free Trunk or Treat family event (including a bouncy castle!) from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the CSUE parking lot adjacent to the exhibit halls. CSUE is also hosting a 4-H Open House from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and JCLF will sponsor a Halloween costume contest (for adults and children) that same afternoon.

WHALE'S TALE TWO - COMING SOON!

What's better than one Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop? How about TWO! We are proud to announce that our Foundation will soon open up a second used bookstore (Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts) in Lakewood's Belmar Shopping Center!

The new store – a sister operation to our Whale's Tale Books & Gifts shop in Colorado Mills Mall – is scheduled to open in mid-October. Our new location will be at 7273 W. Alaska Drive in Lakewood, just three doors away from the south entrance of Dick's Sporting Goods. At the beginning, our hours of operation will be Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and we hope to increase those days when we have more volunteers signed up to manage the storefront.

"Our Board is so pleased that JCLF continues to grow and expand while creating new revenue sources," says Foundation Board President Ana Rojas-Artica. "By adding another bookstore, we are increasing our book sales, our visibility, and our ability to provide even more financial support to our public Library."



Not only will this added storefront offer new sales opportunities and greater exposure for JCLF, it also means changes for our personnel.

Kirstin Kraig, our former Volunteer & Friends Coordinator, is now the Bookstore Manager overseeing our two retail operations. Kirstin's job will focus on oversight of both stores, including supervising our two Bookstore Assistants, in-store volunteer management, promotions, and inventory pricing and selection.

The Foundation has also hired Sandra Tucker as our new Volunteer & Events Coordinator. Sandra will be in charge of recruiting new volunteers to work at the bookstore, at our Whale of a Used Book Sales and at our warehouse in Wheat Ridge. She will also take the lead in producing JCLF's special fundraising and friend-raising events, such as our Friends Annual Meeting and our Books On Film benefit.

Stay tuned for announcements on our grand opening of Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts!

If you would like to volunteer at this shop, or if you would like more information, please call 303.403.5075 or visit <https://jeffclf.org>.

DENVER7 BOOK CLUB BUILDS CONNECTIONS THROUGH READING

There's no such thing as too many book clubs, right? That's exactly what I was thinking when we formed the Denver7 Book Club in late 2018. I wanted a more personal way to connect with our viewers and thought, why not do it with books? We partnered with Tattered Cover early on and it was so nice to have such a beautiful setting for our meetings. We had at least a few dozen people at each of our meet ups that first year and the discussions were always respectful and at times, extremely deep. And then just as we started to get in a groove, the pandemic hit. But instead of canceling book club, we adjusted and it was honestly one of the things that really helped get me through that crazy time. We met on Zoom every month, and while it wasn't nearly as good as being in person, just seeing those smiling faces every month was such a blessing. I know that I'm not the only one that relied on those meetings every month. It was just nice to know that while trapped in our homes, we were connecting with others every time we opened those books.



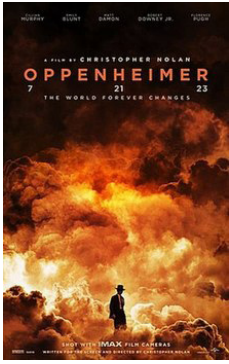
LISA HIDALGO

Our book club continues to grow and all are welcome! We are back in person and meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Aspen Grove Tattered Cover. They have the coziest chairs and it's so fun to be surrounded by books while talking about books. Book club members also get 10% off their entire purchase the night of our meetings. There's no rhyme or reason to our picks and many of our book clubbers say they love that because it takes them out of their book reading comfort zone. I find it fascinating that there hasn't been a single book that everyone has 100% agreed on. I usually go into these meetings with a very particular feeling about a book and then hearing the differing opinions often changes my mind. The discussions are always amazing, but I find that now I look more forward to the company. I love now getting to call these women (and a few men) not just Denver7 viewers, but also my friends.

Follow the Denver7 Book Club on Facebook.

Lisa Hidalgo is the Denver7 morning weather meteorologist who is a native 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. She lives in Denver, so you may see her running the streets. She's finished three marathons, including most recently the Denver Marathon in 2017.

2023 BOOKS ON FILM BENEFIT



Spurred on by the modest success of last summer's Books On Film fundraiser, JCLF hosted the second in this new series by premiering the movie "Oppenheimer" on Friday, July 21, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Regal UA Cinemas in Colorado Mills Mall. The film featured an all-star cast including Cillian Murphy, Matt Damon, Robert Downey Jr., Emily Blunt, Florence Pugh and Rami Malek.

The event was a near sell-out, with 92 guests in attendance. Ticket holders and sponsors' guests were able to see the first-run film in a reserved theatre and enjoy popcorn and a beverage all as part of the \$50-per-person ticket price. Our audience members were also eligible for the evening's door prize drawing.

We were delighted that **Denver7 meteorologist Lisa Hidalgo** served as our evening's emcee. Lisa also hosts the Denver7 Book Club. Post-film, we provided an interactive audience discussion of the film with **John (Grizz) Deal**. Grizz is the CEO of IX Power Clean Water, which is an official, licensed



"tech-transfer" company from the famed Los Alamos National Laboratory, referenced in the "Oppenheimer" film. Grizz has also held the position of "Entrepreneur in Residence" at Los Alamos National

Lab, and he has "spun out" several other companies with patents originating at Los Alamos including software and nuclear reactors.

Our thanks go to these sponsors for supporting our 2023 Books On Film benefit: Thrivent, Rocky Mountain Safety & Security, High Point Financial Group, Sally Reed, XI Power Clean Water, and the Taurus Fund.



BOOK DRIVE AND SHRED-A-THON

Following on the success of last year's first-time event, JCLF hosted a 2nd annual Book Drive and Shred-a-thon on Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bank of Colorado parking lot in Lakewood.

"The bank was very glad to host this event again, and we're happy that we helped raise \$2,800 for the Foundation," said JCLF Board Secretary Cleo Arellano, the bank's VP and regional operations officer.

The event attracted droves of individuals who took advantage of shredding services (for a suggested donation of \$20 per person) and many also contributed books, games, puzzles and media materials to help stock our warehouse for upcoming sales.

Kudos to Bank of Colorado and Altitude Docushred for supporting this event!



SPRING WHALE SALE WAS SPECTACULAR!

Each year for the past 21 years, JCLF has hosted a spectacular used book sale and spring 2023 was no exception. Our numbers tell the story – more than 2,500 individuals attended the event, and they browsed, gathered up and purchased nearly 90,000 items.



WHALE OF A USED Book Sale

The list of our sales items was equally spectacular.

Thousands of gently used books

Acres of CDs, DVDs and vinyl records

A treasure trove of rare and collectible items in Bert's Weathered & Treasured corner

And a whole slew of themed gift baskets – everything from grilling and gardening to bears and books.

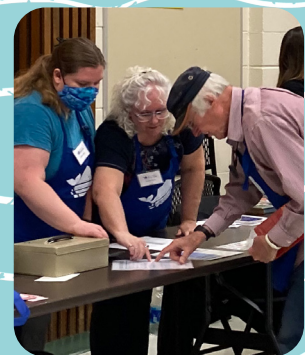
It's not too soon to start thinking about our semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sales for 2024. If you want to plan ahead, here are the dates for next year's events:

Spring 2024 Whale of a Used Book Sale:
May 30 – June 2

Fall 2024 Whale of a Used Book Sale:
October 17 - 20

The best part is that JCLF raised more than \$73,000 at our spring sale, and those funds will assist us in our mission – to provide fundraising support and advocacy for Jefferson County Public Library.

Our thanks go out to the valiant teams of volunteers who helped make this event one of our best sales ever!



FINE DINING FOR A GREAT CAUSE – DINE & DONATE FUNDRAISER AT 240 UNION

Dine & Donate
September 19, 2023



25% of all food sales today will be donated to the Jefferson County Library Foundation to help support early childhood literacy programs at Jefferson County Public Library



The award-winning 240 Union Creative Grille opened its doors on Tuesday, September 19th for the annual Dine & Donate fundraiser in support of early and school-age literacy programs at Jefferson County Public Library!

Library lovers, foodies, and Foundation supporters sat down to an enjoyable afternoon lunch or an evening of fine drink and dining knowing that Michael Coughlin, owner of 240 Union Restaurant, would be donating twenty-five percent of all food sales for the day to help support our cause!

We would like to thank Michael Coughlin, the 240 Union staff, our volunteers, and our generous donors for raising over \$2,100 this year. Thank you!



MAHALO TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

It's always a privilege to honor our fantastic JCLF volunteers, and this year we did so with a uniquely Hawaiian flair.

More than 70 of our dedicated volunteers were feted with a Polynesian-themed outdoor luncheon held at Brookdale Meridian Westland in Lakewood, and this organization also provided the food, tents, tables and decorations for our special celebration.

An added treat involved the graceful hand- and hip-swaying dances provided by members of Tehani's Hula Colorado. Even some of our staff and volunteers were able to get in on the "act" by putting their own dance skills to work!

But the highlight of the noontime feast was when we paid tribute to four of our outstanding volunteers:

Robin Sweeney – Volunteer of the Year Award

Chip Furlong – Volunteer Leadership Award

Ron Proulx – Elena Joyce Grissom Lifetime Achievement Award

PJ Jones – Linda Abbott Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence

Mahalo and many thanks to the dozens of JCLF volunteers who help us in so many ways all year long!



GOLDILOCKS FUNDRAISER SLATED FOR OCTOBER 24

Each year, our nonprofit organization is pleased that the Mountain Metro Association of Realtors hosts a special evening of live music, fabulous food and a silent auction – all in order to raise monies for public libraries serving the mountain areas. This year, the event title and location have changed, but the benefit promises to be every bit as much fun as in previous years.



For 2023, the event is dubbed "Goldilocks has Gone Fishing... for Kindness," and it will take place on Tuesday, October 24th, from 4 - 8 p.m. The location has been moved to the Troutdale Tavern, 30790 Stagecoach Blvd. in Evergreen.

Because the fundraiser occurs right before Halloween, guests are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes.

For more information, visit the Mountain Metro website at <https://mountainmetro.com>.

SUMMER CHALLENGE 2023 CULTIVATES COMMUNITY KINDNESS

This year, JCLF was pleased to continue its legacy of support for Jefferson County Public Library's summer literacy program, which ran from June 1 to July 31 and boasted over 25,000 participants!

The *Summer Challenge 2023: Cultivate Kindness* program offered a host of activities and events designed to help participants both "grow" their literacy skills and help prevent what educators call "the summer slide." Data indicates that differences in children's summer learning experiences during their elementary school years can impact their ability to achieve successful careers, attend college, and even complete high school. Children from low-income households fall behind an average of 2 months in reading skills over the summer, and the losses are cumulative year-after-year. Students lose approximately 20% of their reading gains and 27% of their math gains over the summer, and two-thirds of the 9th grade achievement gap in reading between low-income students and their high-income peers can be attributed to summer reading loss.



AUTHOR ADAM WALLACE VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING

The 2023 Community Partner beneficiary, Denver Pet Partners (DPP), received \$500.

DPP runs the PAWS for Reading that is offered at various Libraries. The program matches a dog from DPP to a student reader. The dogs are the perfect reading companions because they create a relaxed, comfortable and safe environment for sharing books.



YOU "ARE" MATTER STEM PROGRAM

The Summer Challenge 2023 kept students' minds active with not only reading, but activities including art, STEM programs, math, and kids and teen camps where students learned about music, farming, robotics, STEAM, storytelling, magic, and much more! In addition to fun activities, there were great prize incentives for meeting individual reading and participation goals.



SCHOOL CONTEST WINNER CHECK PRESENTATION

JCPL also encourages Jeffco schools to participate in their annual summer reading program. Those schools that have the most participation earn \$800 each to help purchase new books for their own school libraries, and JCLF provides the prize money.

Here are this year's school contest winners:

- **Preschool:** Jefferson County Open Preschool
- **Elementary School:** Deviny Elementary
- **Middle School:** Evergreen Middle School
- **High School:** Addenbrooke Classical Academy
- **Charter/Private:** Montessori Peaks Academy

Thanks to this year's Summer Challenge sponsors:



COLORADO GIVES DAY | DECEMBER 5 - EASILY THE BEST DAY TO GIVE!



Show your JCPLove this Colorado Gives Day - December 5th!
Schedule your donation starting November 1st at Jeffclf.org.

Your giving helps support children, tween, teen and family literacy programs offered through Jefferson County Public Library and strengthens your Jeffco community. Thank You!

Colorado Gives Day is more than just a day. Generous donors like you have created a movement that changes lives. You, and thousands of others like you, have made Colorado Gives Day one of the most successful giving days in the nation!

Colorado Gives Day has grown to be Colorado's largest 24-hour giving event, raising more than \$362 million for Colorado since it began in 2010. Each December, Coloradans come together with the common goal to strengthen their community by helping to power nonprofits. Thanks to you we raised over \$30,000 last year - monies that help us support early childhood, school-age, and family literacy programs at your Jefferson County Public Library.



KEY DATES: **November 1:** Early Giving begins **December 5:** Colorado Gives Day
Donate at jeffclf.org

COMMEMORATIVE GIVING

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

Tiffany Anderson in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Alison Lawrence in honor of Katherine Garets	Jo Schantz in memory of Robert D. Schantz
Jerry Anderson in honor of Dirk and Tad	Carl Legleiter in memory of Linda Anderson	Randy Stafford in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Dolores Bammerlin in memory of Linda Anderson	Carl Legleiter in honor of Ann Toth	Erlynn Styer in memory of Linda Anderson
Lee Burns in memory of Linda Anderson	Donna Martin in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	John Swetnam in memory of Linda Anderson
Mary and Kelly Cox in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Laura Martinez-Simansky in memory of Linda Anderson	Dan and Sheilia Thurmon in memory of Linda Anderson
Diana Cramer in memory of Suellen Reeves	Jerrold Milton in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	James Volf in memory of Linda Anderson
Julie Favre in memory of Kitty Simcox	Steven Moore in honor of Nike Noor LLC	WWIT Book Club in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Marlene Joy in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Tim and Gail O'Neil in memory of Robert D. Schantz	
Mavis Kacena in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Julie and Robert Plummer in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	

RAISE A READER FESTIVAL 2023

The staff at Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) understands how important reading and literacy can be for children, even before they enter school! That's why JCPL provides various Early Childhood Literacy programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

One of those programs is called Raise A Reader. The premise of the program is to encourage little ones to engage in reading, writing, singing, talking and playing as a way to grasp pre-reading cognition, communication skills and language comprehension. The program also enlists parents and caregivers as each child's primary teacher and arms them with the tools they need to help children gain essential pre-reading skills even before they enter kindergarten.



Besides providing programs in the libraries, this year JCPL staff designed a Story Walk at multiple locations throughout the county, along with a book giveaway at all branch libraries. This year's book is "I Need A Hug/Necessito un Abrazo" bilingual edition by Aaron Blabey, and JCPL gave away 2000 copies of this book to the little ones.

As a popular highlight of this program, JCPL also produces a FREE annual Raise A Reader Festival – a day-long series of activities for Jefferson County families and children that is held at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. Last year, nearly 1,500 children and families attended this event.

This year, JCPL hosted the Festival on Saturday, September 30, and offered multiple early literacy skill development activities including:



- Train Rides
- Food Trucks as well as free snacks for the kiddos
- Garden Railway and Turntable demonstrations
- A Sing Station – with live music and dancing for the kids
- A Talk Station – with a puppet theatre
- A Write Station – where children can create small decorative pumpkins.

- A Play Station – including bubbles, a foam machine, Hula Hoops and other gross motor activities
- A Read Station - with story times throughout the day
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and Babies First Book Stations
- Face painting
- Temporary Tattoos
- Book Characters walking at the event creating interaction and photo opportunities



To learn more about Raise A Reader, visit <https://jeffcolibrary.org/raise-a-reader/>



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DATES TO REMEMBER!



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Colorado Gives Day – December 5



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JCLF Office Closures: November 10-11 and 23-26, 2023 | December 23 - January 2, 2024