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Welcome



New Bookstore Manager Diane Major

Diane recently joined our Foundation team as the Belmar Store Manager where she will oversee Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts. She comes to us after retiring this past spring from Denver Public Schools, where she was an educator, grant writer and volunteer coordinator for over 23 years. Diane earned her master's degree in education from Regis University.



New Volunteer and Events Coordinator Megan Fessenden

Last fall, we were glad to welcome new staff member Megan Fessenden as our contract Volunteer & Events Coordinator! She is also an event manager at Kroenke Sports and Entertainment. Megan has participated in more than 300 special events and has managed multiple vendors for each event. As marketing coordinator for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), she worked on fan engagement, live television production and created marketing tactics for targeted cities.

At JCLF, Megan will be focusing on three program areas: Volunteer recruitment, fundraising and friend-raising events and our Friends membership organization.



In 2023, Jefferson County Library Foundation diverted 220,349 pounds of material or approximately 183,624 books from the landfill.

Thank you for doing your part, we couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to working with you next year!

**220 Oil Barrels
Saved**

**1,872 Trees
Saved**

**451,715 KW
Saved**

New JCLF Board Members

Nathan Richter

Nathan Richter was a Christian school principal for twenty-two years. In his own words, "Every year I would teach the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University curriculum to my eighth graders and my seniors. I wanted them to have a strong financial foundation before heading out on their own." Nathan is currently a financial advisor at Thrivent.



Jeannie Mann

Jeannie Mann is a retired executive from Frontier Airlines and most recently was head of the Evergreen Jazz Fest.

Jeannie was formerly the Board Vice President for JCLF from 2002 to 2017. She lives in Evergreen with her two dogs, Luna and Crowley.



Alli Mueller

Alli Mueller is a young mother of two small children and an active community volunteer. As a graduate of the University of Denver, she holds a BA in International Studies. She and her family live in Evergreen where they enjoy the quiet surroundings, fishing and mountain biking. Above all else, she most enjoys experiencing new cultures by traveling with her family.



Director's Notes



One of my favorite quotes about reading and literacy is this one: "Life is like a book. Some chapters are sad, some happy and some exciting. But if you never turn the page you will never know what the next chapter holds."

As we head into the warmer months of the year, all of us at JCLF hope that our Friends and supporters will keep turning those pages and enjoy many long days of reading and the inner joy that comes when you dive into a good book.

If you are looking for reading material, I encourage you to visit our fall Whale of a Used Book Sales at the Jeffco Fairgrounds! As most of you know, these are semi-annual events where you can sift through a selection of more than 80,000 gently used books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and vinyl records along with a unique selection of rare and collectible books and themed gift baskets.

Our Whale of a Used Book Sales have taken place regularly for the past 22 years, and Jeffco residents tell us that they absolutely love them! These sales are especially valuable for parents who home school their children and for teachers who are looking to fill up their school libraries with good reading material.

You can find year-round book bargains, at one of JCLF's used bookstores – Whale's Tale Books & Gifts in Colorado Mills Mall and Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts in Belmar Shopping Center. If you prefer to do your book shopping online, you'll want to visit our Jeffco Friends online storefront, where we sell rare and vintage collectibles on eBay and Amazon.

As a final thought, JCLF always needs donations of good reading and media materials, so I hope you'll also think of our Foundation when you want to donate quality items for our sales. We accept donations at our Wheat Ridge warehouse on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and donors can bring up to six boxes of books at a time. For larger donations or to schedule a different donation time, contact us at 303-403-5075.

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 comments or submissions.

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WHALE'S TALE AND WHALE'S TALE TWO BOOKS & GIFTS

We are so proud that JCLF's first used bookstore—Whale's Tale Books & Gifts in Colorado Mills Mall—has continued to be such an amazing success story! If you don't remember the genesis of this story, on November 27, 2020 (and in the midst of the COVID pandemic), JCLF opened the storefront operation on that "Black Friday." Since that time, Whale's Tale has continued to generate much-needed revenue to help support our JCLF operations as well as provide funds to the Library.

That continuing success also spawned our second used bookstore—Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts in Belmar Shopping Center. This storefront opened in late October 2023, and is slowly gaining more and more frequent shopper recognition and increasing sales revenues.

Last year, both stores together generated more than \$159,000 in gross sales. As far as inventory, these two shops continue to offer many items besides gently used books CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and themed gift baskets. Our two Whale's Tales also boast new products, such as jewelry, scented candles, handbags, greeting cards, journals, bookmarks, scarves, reading glasses, candy, and more!

Here are some comments about the stores that we have received from our customers:

*Such a wonderful selection of used books—
and for a great cause!*

Great prices and friendly atmosphere!

So many hidden gems in plain sight!

So glad this store exists.

Love the place, love the staff!



WHALE'S TALE TWO BOOKS AND GIFTS AT BELMAR SHOPPING CENTER

Do you love books and love being around books? We always need volunteers to help staff these two stores. Shifts run from 3 to 3.5 hours each, and volunteers earn a 20% discount to use at both Whale's Tales.

We are grateful to the many book-lovers who continue to shop at both of our Whale's Tales stores. We are also thankful for our special volunteers who staff the shops seven days a week.

Whale's Tale Books & Gifts in Colorado Mills Mall is located near entrance #5 and it is open Sunday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At Belmar, Whale's Tale Two Books & Gifts is at 7273 W. Alaska Drive. Currently, this store is open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Mickey Lytle & Sandy Kramer



SANDY KRAMER AND MICKEY LYTLE

Here at JCLF, we are blessed to have many terrific volunteers. And we are especially blessed to have a couple of creative volunteers who design one-of-a-kind themed gift baskets that we sell at our two used bookstores and at our Whale of a Used Book Sales.

These two—Mickey Lytle and Sandy Kramer—are well known for putting their heads together to create baskets that capitalize on themes ranging from pasta, ice cream and barbecues to trains, sports cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Sandy and Mickey also create smaller gift items they have dubbed "Bears & Books." Each one of these gifts features a colorful children's book paired with a small stuffed animal or doll that mirrors the image on each book cover. This gives each child a tangible piece of the story to hold while the book is being read and promotes early reading skills.

Winter holidays are the time of year when these two really show off their skills. In 2023, the pair put together nearly 80 themed gift baskets for sale at our Whale's Tale bookstores.

If you would like to volunteer at either of our storefront operations, please visit jeffclf.org to complete an online form, or contact Volunteer & Events Coordinator Megan Fessenden at megan@jeffclf.org or 303-403-5073.

AHOY, LANDLUBBERS! WHALE OF A USED BOOK MADE A SPLASH IN JEFFCO THIS JUNE, RAISING OVER \$97,000 IN SUPPORT OF JEFFCO PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) held its spring 2024 Whale of a Used Book Sale May 30 through June 2 at the Jeffco Fairgrounds. At the sale, booklovers and bargain hunters dove into three exhibit halls teeming with gently used books, CDs, DVDs, comic books, themed gift baskets, and vinyl records, along with rare books and one-of-a-kind collectibles. Over \$97,000 was raised at this year's spring sale—a new record!

“This marked our 23rd year of producing this semi-annual sale,” says JCLF Board President Deborah Deal. “These sales enable us to raise monies in support of Jefferson County Public Library for programs such as Early Childhood Literacy and the Library Summer Challenge.”

The spring sale opened Thursday evening, May 30, with Friends-Only Preview Night (for members of Friends of the Library), followed by three days—May 31 through June 2—when the event opened to the public. Sale items ranged in price from \$.50 to \$3. Rare and collectible items and gift baskets were individually priced.



THE CHILDREN'S AREA HELD TREASURES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES (PARENTS, TOO)!

The last day of the sale, Sunday June 2, was Bag Day—a day when shoppers can fill a grocery-sized bag of books for just \$10! This year, we partnered again with CSU Extension, which offered shoppers the opportunity to enjoy children's activities and gain information on many Extension programs, including Master Gardeners and 4-H.

The admission price for entry at the sale has held steady at \$5 per day for adults, with children under age 18 admitted for free. Adults who produce their SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) card receive free admission each day of the public sale.

Besides bargain shopping, this event offered a boatload of volunteer opportunities such as cashiering, table tidying, and cart running. Plus, volunteers earned two free books for each four-hour shift they signed up for during set-up, during the sale, and afterward for post-sale clean-up. This event remains a great opportunity for corporate employee groups or civic clubs to come out and show their support for our public library!



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE HAPPEN! JCLF BOOKSELLER/WAREHOUSE COORDINATOR NEIL THORESON AND VOLUNTEERS DON DUBE AND LAURA KEPLER SET UP THE BERT'S WEATHERED AND TREASURED SECTION.

For more than two decades, and at each individual event, JCLF's Whale of a Used Book Sales have offered up more than 80,000 gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and many more items. These sales enable the Foundation to raise thousands of dollars in support of the many free programs, services, and activities offered by Jefferson County Public Library.



THE MAIN SALES FLOOR.

This event was supported this year by JCLF's 2024 Friends Community Partners: Denver7, Comcast Internet Essentials, Bandimere Family Foundation, Pinkard Construction, Freddy's Steamburgers, Atwell, Confluence Companies, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), 50 Plus Marketplace News, Colorado Women's Day, and Bank of Colorado.

For more information on the next Whale of a Used Book Sale, or if you would like to volunteer or become a Friend of the Library, visit www.whalesale.org or call 303-403-5075 for details.

SALES FLOOR PHOTO COURTESY DOUG PRATT.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SHRED-A-THON

Do you have sensitive print documents that need shredding? Are you confused (and concerned) about safely disposing of these items? Then look no further than JCLF's annual Shred-A-Thon! This year's event will take place in the parking lot at Bank of Colorado's Lakewood branch (275 Union Blvd.) on Saturday, August 17, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Thanks to our partnership with Stericycle, individuals from our community will have an opportunity to dispose of sensitive personal documents at no cost and with only our request for a \$20 contribution per person.

This event is also a good place to donate your time! We are looking for volunteers who would like to join us and help collect the documents from donors who drive through the shred-a-thon on that morning.

Questions? Call 303-403-5075 for more information or go to www.jeffclf.org for details.



DINE & DONATE COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Calling all hungry people! JCLF will be participating in a Dine & Donate fundraising event that will be held at 240 Union Creative Grille in Lakewood.



The restaurant event will take place on Wednesday, September 18, and our Foundation will receive 25% of all food purchases on that date! A similar event last year netted more than \$2,100! So, put the date on your calendar and come hungry! For more information, call us at 303-403-5075 or visit our website at www.jeffclf.org.

Dine & Donate
September 18, 2024



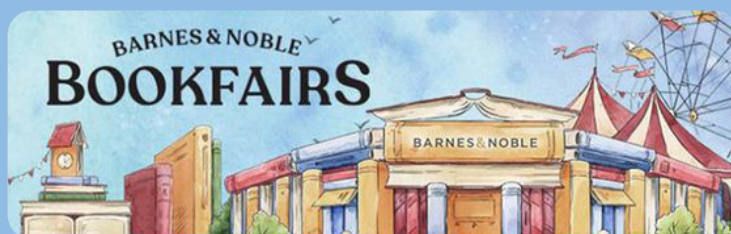
25% of all food sales today will be donated to the Jefferson County Library Foundation to help support early childhood literacy programs at Jefferson County Public Library

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR

On Saturday, September 28, JCLF will benefit from a Bookfair held at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Denver West Village, Golden. Our organization will receive a portion of the day's book sales when shoppers present a voucher along with their purchases at checkout.

We are also looking for volunteers who will help us staff a table at the store to help hand out vouchers that shoppers need to return to cashiers as they pay for their purchases that day.

Want to learn more? Visit www.jeffclf.org or call us at 303-403-5075.



JCLF HONORED AS NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR



Good news! The Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) was selected as Nonprofit of the Year at the Applewood Business Association's Business Awards Celebration held on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Marriott Denver West hotel in Golden.

More than 65 guests attended the evening's cocktail hour, dinner and awards presentation.

This was the first time that JCLF had been nominated for this honor. Additional awards were presented for the John Litz Community Impact Award, Business After Hours of the Year, Years of Service recognition, Recruiter of the Year, Leader of the Year, and Business of the Year.

Applewood Business Association is a well-established and deeply rooted business association with over 200 members, focused on the greater Applewood community—including Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County and the West Denver Metro region.



ABA AMBASSADOR PETER WOLF AND
JCLF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JO SCHANTZ



JCLF TO HONOR VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Break out those lederhosen and dirndls! This summer JCLF is going to host a big German-themed celebration luncheon for our fabulous volunteers!

This year's event will be held at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center in Wheat Ridge on Friday, July 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year's entertainment will feature German dance troupe Alpen Auerhahn and German food provided by Rhein Haus.

We will also be bestowing four awards for this year's honorees in the categories of Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Leader of the Year, the Elena Joyce Grissom Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Linda Abbott Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence.

HELP JCLF BY DONATING YOUR VEHICLES!

Did you know that our Foundation accepts non-cash donations? Each year, we are glad to have donors contribute gifts of stock, life insurance policies, and gifts of vehicles—running or not!

We work with the organization called DonationLine Vehicle Donation Center, and they accept many kinds of vehicles, including: cars, trucks, boats, RVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and more!

Here is how it works...

- 1) Visit DonationLine.com.
- 2) Using the online form, select Jefferson County Library Foundation as your charity.
- 3) Complete and submit the Online Vehicle Donation Form or call DonationLine toll free at 1-877-227-7487, 24 hours, 7 days per week. Phones are answered by their experienced and trained operators.
- 4) Donors will be contacted by a towing agent the same or following business day to arrange a convenient time for vehicle pick-up. The towing agent will provide donors with a pick-up receipt.
- 5) Your vehicle will be sold for the benefit of the charity you select, typically at auction or to a parts/salvage dealer if it is considered a junk car.

It's just that easy! DonationLine does all the heavy lifting, and they figure out how to maximize the return on your donation for the charity. The process is painless and simple. That's why DonationLine is one of the most reliable and largest charitable auto resources in the country! Proceeds from the sale are sent to the charity and your tax return-ready letter will be sent to you by the participating charity.



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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

**WHERE
ADVENTURE
BEGINS!**

Library Summer Challenge

**WHERE
ADVENTURE
BEGINS!**

Summer Camp!



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2024 FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

Nearly 40 guests, including Board members, JCPL representatives, sponsors, and Foundation volunteers, joined JCLF for our 2024 Friends Annual Meeting held on Friday, April 19, at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center in Wheat Ridge. Lunch was catered by Bono's Italian restaurant in Golden.



Our keynote author was the award-winning author Erika Krouse, whose books were available for sale and signing after her presentation.

Krouse penned the award-winning book *Tell Me Everything: The Story of a Private Investigation*, which was the winner of the 2023 Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime. The book also captured the Colorado Book Award for

Creative Nonfiction, Housatonic Book Award for Nonfiction, Book of the Month Club, New York Times Editors' Choice, People Magazine People Pick, BookPage Best Nonfiction of 2022, Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction of 2022, Slate 10 Best Books of 2022 (Laura Miller), Jezebel 10 Best Books of 2022.

Event sponsors included Foothills Vision Center, Jackie O'Beirne, DDS, and the Taurus Fund.

DUNE: PART TWO FEATURED AT 2024 BOOKS ON FILM BENEFIT



Our newest fundraiser, Books On Film, celebrated its third consecutive year featuring the movie premiere of *Dune: Part Two*. This year, the benefit was held on the early evening of Friday, March 1, at Harkins 14 Theatres in Arvada. More than 50 guests joined us at this annual fundraiser.

We were pleased that Lisa Hidalgo, meteorologist from Denver7, was again this year's celebrity emcee. In addition, our guests enjoyed the film in a reserved theatre, feasted on free popcorn and a soft drink, participated in a door prize drawing and competed in a *Dune* trivia game hosted by sci-fi buff John "Grizz" Deal.



This year's event sponsors included: Sonny's Car Wash, Thrivent, Dream Books, High Point Financial Group, Sally Reed, Colorado Women's Day, IX Power Foundation and the Taurus Fund.

LIBRARY GIVING DAY HELPS JCLF SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 6th annual Library Giving Week was slated for April 1-5, and Library Giving Day was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Library Giving Day started as an idea generated by the Seattle Public Library Foundation. The concept was to create a national day of giving that public libraries would rally around and that the public would embrace. So, Seattle Public Library partnered with its strategic library fundraising partner, Carl Bloom Associates, to turn the idea into a reality. This year, JCLF garnered more than \$7,500 from the online giving campaign. Here is a list of our special contributors:

Carol Abel	Cheryl & Dennis Brungardt	Alicia Hovland	Diane Potter	Andrew Thangasamy
Laurie Allin	Adele Carter	Marilyn Jones	Eduardo Ramos	Neil Thoreson
Judith Alliprandine	Lisa Cernick	Robin Keenan	Sally Reed	Diane Tourville
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Patricia Bright	Hiroko Hansen	Mel Perkins	James Sloan	Dawn Whitney
Jayne Brindle	Tamiko Hershey	Joseph Pfeifer	Charles Snyder	Danielle Wiletsky
			Mary Stewart	Janine Yunker
				Sheila Zinn

FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR CREW CHIEFS: JOYCE MILLS

We recently learned that one of our dear volunteers—Joyce Mills—passed away on Saturday, June 1. Joyce was a valued member of our volunteer team, and she was best known for her sense of humor and passion for JCLF and our book sales. Many of you will remember that she was “at the helm” of Bert’s Weathered & Treasured during our Whale of a Used Book Sales. We will all miss the enthusiasm she brought to that event and to our Foundation

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A LEGACY GIFT TO JCLF?

In 2018, JCLF launched its first planned giving campaign – a way for our donors to continue to support the Foundation and our public library even after they have passed away. That core group of donors is known as our Legacy Chapter, and currently we have 14 members in that group.

What does it take to be part of JCLF’s Legacy Chapter? Donors who are considering putting JCLF in their estate plans are asked to fill out a “donor letter of intent.” That will put you on our radar and ensure that we can expect to receive a portion of your estate when you pass away. This is also a way to ensure that you can continue to support a cause that you believe in, and that you will be recognized as one of our Foundation’s key supporters in the years to come.

While leaving charitable bequests in a will is the most popular way for donors to make planned gifts, they're far from the only way. From simple gifts to complex trusts, there are many different types of planned gifts. To learn more, please visit <https://www.nonprofits.freewill.com/resources/blog/types-of-planned-gifts> or contact the Foundation's Executive Director, Jo Schantz at 303-403-5077 or jo@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	Rosanne and Shellie French-Luallin in honor of Lynne P.	John and Helga LaFollette in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Kathy Mortensen in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Boettcher Foundation in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Joan Goddard in honor of Polly Tagg and Pam Bestall	Lorren LaVecchia in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Tim and Gail O'Neil in memory of Linda Abbott
Charles Cooper in honor of Rachel Sellers	Jennifer Hall in memory of John R. Mellin	Susan Lawson in memory of Alberta Carter Family	Jessica Pierce in memory of Nancy Lucas
Mary and Kelly Cox in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Nancy Hardesty in memory of Mattie C. Hardesty	Carl Legleiter in memory of Ann Toth	Julie and Robert Plummer in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Amanda D'Ambrosia in honor of Ann Nicholson	Mary Ellen Hartford in honor of Annette Doyle and Bill Yetzbacher	Jon Lipsky in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	B. Quaas in memory of John R. Mellin
Kathleen Dignan in memory of Joey Dignan	Marlene Joy in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Barbara Martin in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Jo Schantz in memory of Robert D. Schantz
Tom Dughman in memory of John R. Mellin	Mavis Kacena in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Donna Martin in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Randy Stafford in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Joan-Marie Dyer in memory of Diana Moss	Linda Kelm in honor of all the Volunteers who are/ have worked to make the Jefferson County Library such an asset to our community!	Jerrold Milton in memory of Vera Kay Stafford	Neil Thoreson in memory of Adlyne Dardis
Berry Fisher in memory of John R. Mellin		Steven Moore on behalf of Nike Noor LLC	Brian and Karen Wages in memory of Vera Kay Stafford
Robin Fleischmann in memory of Mildred H. Mast			Susan Wieland in memory of Larry Wieland



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DATES TO REMEMBER!



Shred-A-Thon
Bank of Colorado, 275 Union Blvd., Lakewood
August 17



Dine and Donate at 240 Union Creative Grille, Lakewood
Wednesday, September 18



Barnes & Noble Bookfair, Denver West Village, Golden
Saturday, September 28



Fall Whale of a Used Book Sale at Jeffco Fairgrounds
Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 17-20



Colorado Gives Day
Tuesday, December 10