SAVE THE DATES!

- **Spring Whale of a Used Book Sale** – One of the biggest and best book sales in the country! May 31 - June 2, Jefferson County Fairgrounds (see page 5 for details)

- **Summer Reading Challenge** – Help JCPL reach 50 million minutes of reading in 2019! June 1 through July 31. Sign up online at jeffcolibrary.org.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** – Join us in celebrating our JCLF volunteers! July 26, Goosetown Event Center, Golden (see page 7 to learn more)

- **Rocky Mountain Book and Paper Fair** – Free admission for Friends of the Library! August 2 - 3, the Denver Mart, Denver (see page 4 for information)

- **Food Truck Friday** – Proceeds from food sales benefit the Jefferson County Library Foundation! September 6, Lamar Street Center, Arvada, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Music, drinks, food, automotive gallery and more! Visit lamarstreetcenter.com

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Welcome Our Newest Board Member & Staff

Lynn McDonald, Board of Directors

Lynn is the Executive Director of the Genesee Mountain Foundation. She works with many nonprofit organizations in Colorado to share her passion for children’s education. Lynn works hard to form partnerships and outreach with other nonprofits to better serve the community. She is also a member of the Education Committee for the Colorado Symphony. Lynn is excited to be part of the JCLF team.

Christina ‘Nina’ Gomez, JCLF Office Coordinator

With over five years of office management experience, Nina also brings to the Foundation a background in book sales, publishing, and nonprofit work. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in English Writing with an emphasis in Technical & Professional Communications from the University of Colorado, Denver. An enthusiastic reader, and internal learner, she graduated from the Denver Publishing Institute in 2010, and she supports local libraries and independent bookstores every chance she gets. Welcome to JCLF, Nina!

Welcome our new event coordinator, Stacey Johnson

Stacey’s background includes special events and volunteer management on behalf of a wide array of nonprofits and for-profit agencies. These events include performing arts series, an upscale antiques festival, a cycling event and a county fair. She has previously coordinated the Littleton Home & Garden Tour and A Paris Street Market. Stacey has a B.S. in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University.

OUR LATEST CHAPTER...

Last summer, JCLF was pleased to turn a new page in our fundraising efforts – the Legacy Chapter.

The Legacy Chapter is made up of individuals, couples and families that have chosen to place our Foundation in their estate plans. This means that, even after our donors have passed away, they are able to leave a valuable legacy to our nonprofit organization. This also means that JCLF will have funding in perpetuity to carry on our mission.

To date, nine individuals have signed a Donor Letter of Intent, and have placed JCLF in their wills. These are the Charter members of JCLF’s Legacy Chapter: William Knott, Jeannie Mann, Tammi Bandmier, Tom and Alice Atkins, Alison Brigham, Warren Boeske and two anonymous donors.

How can you become a member of the Legacy Chapter? We offer memberships to all donors who plan to make an estate gift of any dollar amount to the Jefferson County Library Foundation. Individuals or families 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 plans at any time, this gives our organization key information regarding future contributions.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

People often ask, “How can we help the Foundation?” Other than volunteering, becoming a member of the Friends of the Library or by donating books or a cash gift, here are two valuable ways you can contribute to the Jefferson County Library Foundation:

DonationLine

Donate your car, boat, truck, RV, jet ski or snowmobile to the Jefferson County Library Foundation and receive a tax deduction. This no-cost, no-hassle process begins when you contact our fundraising partner, Donation Line LLC at 877-227-7417. Make sure you ask for us by name (Jefferson County Library Foundation) or you can visit donationline.com to schedule your vehicle donation.

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Have you heard about AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Jefferson County Library Foundation. When you shop on AmazonSmile, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. It’s just that easy! Select the Jefferson County Library Foundation as your organization and start shopping!
MARCH MADNESS A SLAM DUNK!

Each spring, JCLF is happy to host one of our popular (but smaller) book sales, and this year was no exception. Many of our wonderful volunteers helped us set up and staff our 2019 March Madness sale at the Ancora Library, meeting room March 22 and 23.

Library patrons and smart shoppers poured over and purchased hundreds of quality used books — ranging from popular fiction to the English classics. We also offered up CDs and DVDs, plus we showcased special gift baskets with themes focused on western nostalgia and summer sports.

In total, this year's March Madness book sale generated more than $2,600, funds that will help us support a variety of Jefferson County Public Library programs including STEAM, Summer Reading, and Early Childhood Literacy.

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers for helping with this year's March Madness book sale. Sandy Kramar, Ron Preus, Tim O’Neal, Desi Pratt, Barry Walton, Linda Leon, Kara Broxgaard, Sawyer Broxgaard, Chuck Birenbaum, Laura Kaplan, Kay Howland, Mickey Lytle, Kris Fletcher, and board member Caleb Aman, special thanks to Mickey Lytle for creating beautiful gift baskets for the sale, as well.

If you would like to donate used books, or if you’d like to volunteer for our sales, please visit our website at jeffolibraryfoundation.org.

GIFTS GIVEN IN TRIBUTE...

In memory of Mary Ann Brady
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In memory of Regina Hartley
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In memory of Tom & Alice Atkins
Nan Willard

In honor of Lou & Eleanor Leckel
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Director’s Notes

In her memoir, The Glass Castle, author Jeannette Walls remarks, “One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”

As we bask into the warmth of a new season, all at JCLF hope that our Friends of the Library will find more and more time to enjoy the long and lazy days of summer and the inner joy that comes with reading a good book.

If you are looking for summer reading material, I encourage you to visit our summer book sale. We will be conducting our annual sale at the beach in May.

As part of your summer, be sure to visit our JCLF book sale, where you will find new and used books. If you are looking for something unique, for yourself or for someone else, you’ll find it at JCLF’s book sale.

As you plan out your year, please be sure to join us for our annual book sale. We will be hosting our annual book sale on October 18-20, and our Friends of the Library will be scheduling for Oct. 12.

We always need donations of good books, so I hope you’ll also think of our Foundation when you want to donate quality used books for our sales. Our aim is always to find good homes for good books, and we will be grateful for your contribution.

Thank you.

Jo Schantz, MWM, CFRE
Executive Director
Jefferson County Public Library

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The mission of JCLF is to support and enrich the capabilities, resources and services of the Jefferson County Public Library through fundraising and advocacy efforts that benefit our diverse community.

Footnotes: A newsletter for Friends of Jefferson County Public Library, and we welcome your input. Please contact the Friends office at 360-403-5075 or friends@jeffolibrary.org with submissions.
FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

Our Foundation was delighted to host the award-winning mystery writer Margaret Coel as guest speaker for our 2019 Friends Annual Meeting and luncheon.

Held on January 25, more than 100 friends and serving guests—a new attendance milestone—joined us at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center in Wheat Ridge for an Italian buffet luncheon and to hear Coel’s presentation. “We were so excited to have the popular Colorado writer in the spotlight this year’s meeting,” says Jo Schmitt, executive director of JCLF. “Everyone truly enjoyed hearing about Margaret’s career, her inspirations and her latest novels. Plus, she also gave us a glimpse into her amazing Wind River mystery series set among the Arapahos on Wyoming’s Wind River Reservation featuring Jesuit priest Father John O’Valley and Arapaho attorney Vicky Holden. The novels have been on the best seller lists of numerous newspapers, including the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. Five of her novels have received the Colorado Book Award. The Spirit Women received the Villa Cafferata Award for Best Novel of the West and was a finalist for the Western Writers of America’s Spur Award for Best Novel.

At the event, Coel’s husband, George, also came armed with many of his wife’s books, which were available for purchase and for the author’s signature. The 2019 Friends Annual Meeting was sponsored by JCLF’s continuing sponsors and Friends Community Partners, including Western Credit Union, Handmade Speedwell, John Johnson Real Estate Partners and Handmade Construction.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Library, please visit jeffco.libraryfoundation.org and click on Friends of JCLF. Membership starts at just $5 per year, and includes invitations to Friends’ annual Preview Night at our annual fall Friends Book Fair. Whole of a Used Book Sale, plus a 10% discount at our Friends Gift & Book Shop in the Belmar Library.

Questions? Call us at 303-403-5075.

FRIENDS BONUS! FREE ADMISSION TO THE RMABA 35th ANNUAL BOOK AND PAPER FAIR!

Have you heard? The Rocky Mountain Book and Paper Fair is coming to the Denver Mart, 451 S. 39th Ave., 8-25 and 8:30; Fri., Aug. 3, 2-6 p.m.; and Sat., Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And this year, our Friends members can get in free admission for their membership card. This event is one of the highlights of the year for book lovers in the area. Unleash the kinds of books that are hard to find in regular bookstores. This year, we’ll have over 100 booksellers and authors specializing from around the country who will showcase their work. Book lovers can purchase books at various locations throughout the area, including the Belmar Library.

ATTENTION PIZZA LOVERS!

Our Foundation is pleased to be a part of the Coors for Cash promotion in partnership with Papa John’s Pizza. How does it work? When you order pizza online, use the code JEFFCO FRIENDS and you will receive 30% off regular menu priced items. And, as a thanks to you, we will donate 10% of the purchase price to our Foundation.

This is a great way to help our nonprofit plan and enjoy your pizza.
SUMMER READING 2019

Each year, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) hosts a county-wide reading challenge called Summer Reading. This is a true call to action for adults, children and teens to keep families reading throughout the summer months. Why is this important? Studies show that students who do not read during the annual summer break often fall victim to something known as the "summer slide." This is when children and teens lose their reading skills and fall behind in literacy when they don’t keep reading during summer vacation. This program, parents and other adults serve as "reading mentors" for children, encouraging younger and young adults to read all summer long.

This year’s Summer Reading program theme is Mission to Read, and the challenge will take place from June 1 through July 31. During that time frame, participants can earn valuable prizes while they keep reading and reach reading milestones along the way. Prizes include tickets to local amusement parks, valuable coupons to area restaurants and books.

JCPL is also offering a special incentive for this year for adults who sign up for Summer Reading. Each new participant will receive a $3 off coupon that can be used for purchases at both the spring and fall Whale of a Used Book Sale.

Last year, nearly 45,000 Jeffco residents read over 49 million cumulative minutes in 2019, the goal is for participants to read a total of 50 million minutes.

“Our Foundation has been glad to support Summer Reading for many years,” says Jo Schmitz, JCFL executive director. “We hear so many great comments about the program, and this is a wonderful way to keep hundreds of children reading and learning all year long.”

Our 2019 Summer Reading sponsors include: Comcast, FirstBank, the Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation, the Kinder Morgan Foundation, the Kerr Foundation and the Genesee Mountain Foundation.

To sign up online for Summer Reading, visit JeffcoLibrary.org.

What else is there to do during Summer Reading besides read? Here is a list of fun activities that JCPL will be hosting this summer. Check your local library’s calendar to see what’s available in your neighborhood.

- Universe of Surprises with Magic Rob – a magic show for school-age children
- Astronaut K-Doodle & Blast Off! Apollo Art! – creative arts for our youngest patrons
- Space Junk – teaching children to get creative about dealing with waste
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Invisible Forces – physics-based program for children
- Rocket Blast – rocketry for children
- LibLab: Printing with Sun Paper & Alien Slim Lab – hands-on fun for school-age children
- Teen DIY: Solar Oven Snacks & Celestial Hanna – hands-on program for teens
- Space Pinatas – hands-on fun for all ages

SPRING HAS SPRUNG… AND SO HAS THE SALE!

You know it’s springtime when we start gearing up for our first Whale of a Used Book Sale of 2019.

This event will be held May 31 – June 2 at the Jeffco Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Avenue in Golden. Our Foundation staff and volunteers have been busy rounding up thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, vintage books, maps, vinyl records and more for this year’s big event.

The sale will actually begin on Thursday, May 30 with our Friends-only Preview Night from 6-8 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 from our huge sale inventory.

Besides gathering our sale items, we are also in the process of rounding up hundreds of volunteers who can assist us. We need help with: sale set-up, cashiers, greeters, table takers, and volunteer check-in, along with kitchen helpers who oversee the snacks and refreshments that we provide for our volunteers.

We are also in great need of some strong men (and women) to help lift boxes of books at small volume reserve and large volume reserve stations during the sale; some are even steady individuals who can move large volume book buyers in carting purchases to their vehicles.

Please know that our volunteers receive great bonuses! In return for their help, each volunteer receives free breakfasts and lunches during event set-up, lots of no-cost snacks at our volunteer kitchen, plus free lunches from our concessionaires during the sale. In addition, volunteers can earn two free books for every four-hour shift they work.

If you’d like to volunteer, please visit our website at JeffcoLibraryFoundation.org, click on “How You Can Help” and then “Volunteer.” Or call us at 303-473-9374 and speak with Tracey Johnson, our event coordinator.

Many thanks to this year’s event sponsors and Friends Community Partners: Western Credit Union, Barneys Conversation, Pinkard Construction and Edlin Johnson Real Estate Partners. Our event sponsors include KOOL 103 radio and Coloco Community Media.

Our Whale Needs a Name!

This year, JCPL is hosting a contest to name our little blue boy whale. Come cast your vote from a list that will be featured at the event! The name with the most votes wins, and the winning name will be announced at the close of the sale. We will also post this information on our website and social media channels.

2019 SPRING WHALE OF A USED BOOK SALE AT THE JEFFCO FAIRGROUNDS

Thursday, May 30
Friends-Only Preview Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

Friday, May 31
Early Bird Opening, 8 to 9 a.m. ($10) FREE ADMISSION 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 1
FREE ADMISSION 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Half-Price Day for Jeffco Employees, Educators and Friends of the Library

Sunday, June 2
FREE ADMISSION 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. $6 a bag day (grocery-sized bags)
OUR VIRTUAL STOREFRONT: Friends Online Book Store

Looking for good books, but don’t want to pay for brand new? Then turn to the Jeffco Friends online bookstore! You’ll find our virtual storefront on eBay and Amazon, and both venues offer a wide array of used books, ranging from mystery and biography to history and contemporary fiction. Currently, we are selling books by popular authors such as Suzanne Collins (The Hunger Games), Diana Gabaldon (Outlander Series), adventure novels such as C. S. Lewis and Peter S. Beagle, and classic Westerns like Zane Grey.

Our Foundation helps recirculate books, CDs, and DVDs that our local libraries no longer need,” explains Don Dubil, JCLF warehouse coordinator. “In addition, we receive some very unusual contributions from individuals who live throughout Jeffco, which makes our work exciting – you never know what you’ll find in our day-to-day donations!”

To emphasize this last comment, Don points to one outstanding donated book that we sold via auction on eBay. The book was an original edition, published in France in 1856, titled Illustrations for the Bible, and the author was world-renowned artist Marc Chagall. The starting price was $3,000, and the bidding war continued for 10 days. After more than 200 over increasing offers, the book finally sold for $1,708.

Monies raised from these online book sales, along with our physical used book sales, help JCLF fund various library programs, including the annual Summer Reading Challenge and Early Childhood Literacy.

To visit our Jeffco Friends online storefront, go to: www.ebay.com/usr/jeffcofriends.

To visit us on Amazon, go to: www.amazon.com/shops/jeffcofriends.

GOT BOOKS? DONATE THEM!

If you’d like to donate books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, or audio tapes, JCLF will accept donations Monday through Friday by 4 p.m. at our warehouse, 16790 W. 59th Avenue, Suite 200 in Wheat Ridge. We ask that books be donated in boxes, not trash bags, and if you have more than six boxes of books, please call ahead to schedule your donation. Please note that we do not accept VHS or cassette tapes, magazines, or encyclopedias.

Laura Kepler

For the past eight years, Laura Kepler has dedicated her free time to JCLF – not only as a volunteer at our used book sales and at our warehouse, but also at our GIFT Bookshop in the Belmar Library and through her previous service on the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

“I’ve always been passionate about books,” Laura comments, “and helping the Foundation with its sales means that more used books are being circulated back into our local community. It’s a real win for all of us!”

Don Dubil, JCLF Warehouse Coordinator

If you stop by our JCLF warehouse to donate books, you’ll undoubtedly meet our Warehouse Coordinator Don Dubil. Don has been a part of our team since February 2016. He has more than two decades of experience in the national and international publications realm, where he served as a book buyer, book specialist, and book operations manager.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Don was a warehouse manager for The Innovative Alliance in Denver, where he hired and trained associates in a distribution warehouse, negotiated contracts, and streamlined operations efficiencies. Don holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University. He and his wife, Susan, live in Arvada.

Sharon Edwards

Volunteering is truly a way of life for Sharon Edwards. Not only does she devote much of her time at JCLF, she and her husband Kirby also travel to Africa to build free health clinics.

“The Foundation helps keep good books out of the landfills and into the hands of Jeffco readers,” Sharon remarks. “I really feel that I’m helping out my neighbors all throughout the county.”

Tim O’Neill

Tim O’Neill has been a key volunteer at JCLF for more than a decade. He is one of our Crew Chiefs for the semi-annual Whale of a Used Book Sale, and a familiar figure in our volunteer ranks.

“I enjoy going back to the community through my work at the Foundation,” says Tim. “Seeing these used books find good homes with other book lovers – that’s very rewarding!”

Mike Colacino

Mike is one of our newer volunteers, and he helps out at our warehouse in Wheat Ridge. An avid cyclist, Mike volunteers when he’s not out on his road bicycle across the U.S. and in foreign countries.

“Volunteer because I love books, and I want to support the library community,” he states. “JCLF helps to fund key library programs through used book sales, and that work is very important to our Jeffco residents.”

Co-la-la! Our Volunteer Luncheon, July 26, 2019

Each year, JCLF is proud to honor our tremendous volunteer corps with a luncheon celebration and a special ceremony. This is a special time when we can say “Thank You!” for all the work our dedicated friends and volunteers donate to the Foundation.

Instead of a picnic in the park, this year we will be hosting the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Goosetown Event Center, 5140 8th St., in Golden on Friday, July 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

And instead of barbecue, think edibles, chocolate mouse, and pasta bowls! Very, very magnificant! We’re going with a French theme this year, so brush off your bests and mark this on your calendar!

Official invitations will be sent out shortly, and JCLF volunteers will be asked to RSVP quickly, as space is limited. Look for more information coming soon on our website, or contact us at 303-493-8075.”