



# Douglas County Libraries Foundation

Giving Now for Generations to Come

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

**The Douglas County Libraries Foundation is our nonprofit partner and ally.**

**The Foundation's mission and heart is** to deliver funding and resources to the Douglas County Libraries organization so our libraries can thrive for generations to come and positively impact the growth of our community members.

During 2019, the Foundation worked to apply resources toward accomplishing deeds and outcomes outside the scope of our traditional operating budget. Some of that work included:

- Scholarships for Camp DCL, enabling families enduring financial hardship in Douglas County to send their children to library camps. Since Camp DCL began in 2017, more than 60 scholarships have been awarded to deserving families. Here's what parents are saying:

**"My husband and I are both on disability so we have a very limited income, and I'm always trying to find ways to make their world bigger. I was super excited when I got the scholarship for Alex."**

- Stephanie B.





“Being a single mom, I don’t have the income to give her camps and all the things she would like. This really gave her the opportunity to do something that she otherwise wouldn’t be able to do.”

- Joan V.

- Scholarships for GED testing for adults completing high school equivalency coursework. As of the end of 2019, 26 students have received financial aid through the DCLF to complete their high school educations.
- Operation Paperback continues to serve our military personnel serving both domestically and internationally with books provided from our donated collections and shipping paid through the Foundation.
- Awards to deserving schools representing the success of Summer Reading.



## Additionally during 2019, the Foundation:



- Accomplished its biggest year for giving on Colorado Gives Day, nearly doubling the amount raised over the previous year and attracting 289 individual donors.



- Hosted an outstanding annual Fête des Fables Gala, with increased attendance, surpassing revenue goals and highlighting the wonderful work being done by our libraries.
- Through planning and fundraising, again directed assets toward investments for long-term growth and sustainability.
- Placed more than 500 new books in the hands of families through events at Children’s Hospital.
- Finished the year strong with nearly 400 individual donors representing more than 500 donations, and 33 corporate partnerships/donations.

**On behalf of the library,** I would like to thank our Foundation board, donors, volunteers and staff supporters for working creatively and diligently for our library’s future.

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