



## About Our Libraries

DCL has a long, vibrant history with a strong commitment to community development and education. What began in a single location in 1929, through the generosity of the Douglas County Woman's Club, became an independent district serving all of Douglas County in 1990, and has since blossomed into a thriving, seven-location, nationally recognized library district.

## Points of Pride

- We are the fourth-largest library system in Colorado, lending nearly 8 million books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, e-books and audiobooks every year.
- DCL circulates more children's items than any other Colorado library, and 33% more items per capita (21.6) than the next nearest Colorado library (Arapahoe Library District, 16.26). Our physical collection is the most current, turning over more often than any other Colorado library.
- Our physical lending materials number more than 670,000 books, movies, music, audiobooks, periodicals, kits and packs, computers, and nontraditional items like hotspots and sewing machines. We also offer hundreds of thousands of digital books, audiobooks, movies and music through OverDrive, Hoopla and Freegal.
- We offer reading programs for all ages, more than 75 Storytimes each week, children's and teen writing groups, book clubs, and a variety of interesting events that engage, educate and entertain patrons of all ages.
- Members of our community check out and use about 30% (nearly 200,000 items) of our available collection at any given time. Circulation is about 70% books, audiobooks and magazines, with the remainder comprised of movies and music. Children's books account for more than a third of our total circulation.
- More than 185,000 Douglas County residents are Douglas County Libraries cardholders (we also serve more than 26,000 non-resident cardholders). More than three quarters of all Douglas County households include at least one DCL cardholder.
- More than 109,000 patrons borrowed DCL materials or used DCL services in 2016. Non-borrowing services include public computer use, streaming or downloading content from Freegal, Hoopla or Overdrive, and accessing research databases.
- Every year, DCL reaches 134,000 individuals through our Summer Reading Program and early literacy Storytimes, and an additional 12,000 adults and 27,000 children with events at our libraries and in venues across Douglas County. Events span author visits, book talks, literature celebrations, hands-on art, science and technology learning, lectures, book clubs, and more.
- Library Journal (LJ) named Douglas County Libraries one of America's Star Libraries in 2016. LJ's Index of Public Library Service measures public libraries against their peers on visits, traditional circulation, event attendance, public computer use and electronic circulation. Colorado has just eight Star Libraries; DCL is one of those, and one of three in its peer group (by annual operating expenditure).



## Give Now

GIVE TO THE DCL FOUNDATION AND SUPPORT DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES.

### Give Cash

- Donate online at [DCL.org/foundation](http://DCL.org/foundation)
- Set up a pledge and give automatically
- Designate your gift to a program/event
- Give gifts in honor or in memory of an individual or an event

- Donate by mail at  
Douglas County Libraries Foundation  
9292 Ridgeline Blvd.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Support Fête des Fables,  
our annual fundraising gala

Ask about Planned Giving:  
designate a gift to the Foundation  
in your will, or via other options

Participate in our King Soopers  
Rewards Program

Name a space in your favorite library

## Foundation Team

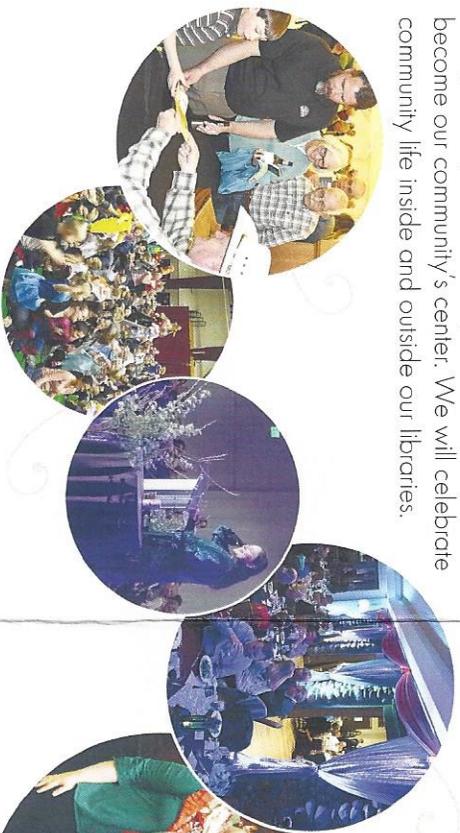
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# Goals

## CREATE CONNECTIONS: Engagement, Events & Celebrations

- DCL goes beyond the civic spaces baseline to become our community's center. We will celebrate community life inside and outside our libraries.



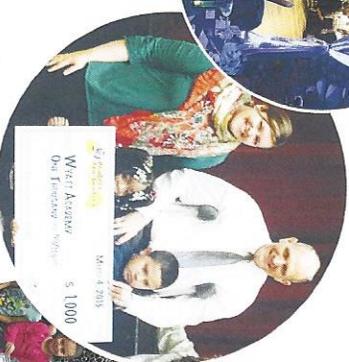
## What People Are Saying About Us

"A library is so important to the growth of our children, and to us, as individuals." -*Joe Feunoy*

"People are creating in the library. They're creating businesses, going back to school, studying, because they're going to create something. How would that happen if we didn't have libraries?" -*Mia Wainings*

"Children came out of a library classroom so full of joy! If we could capture that magic and take it into our workplace, home or community, how different would this world be?" -*Mia Wainings*

"The library's literacy program helped me interact with people, and more importantly, gave me the opportunity to teach. When I came to this country, I didn't speak English. Someone took the time to teach me. That's how the library adds magic to my life." -*Steph Slavson*



## Douglas County Libraries Foundation

## Giving Now for Generations to Come



The Douglas County Libraries Foundation, founded in 1992 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, supports the capital improvements of DCL as well as programs that enhance the mission, vision and core values of DCL. This support, plus the generosity of our community, has enabled DCL's effectiveness as an innovative and progressive library system.

## BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES: Creative Learning for All Ages

- DCL embodies public libraries' noble and necessary tradition as places of learning by imagining, crafting, honing and delivering creative, fun, inspiring and effective learning opportunities — learning that goes beyond the confines of the traditional classroom.

# Our

## DESIGN MY LIBRARY: Premium, Personal Library Experiences

- DCL is committed to building the next generation of Douglas County Libraries: libraries that exceed our patrons' expectations.



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