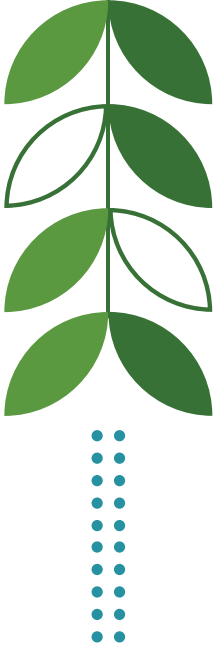




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..... 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Dear Friends,

While still recovering from the impacts of a global pandemic in 2022, the Douglas County Libraries Foundation (DCLF) experienced a year of growth and reached several important milestones. Our many successes last year include surpassing fundraising goals, growing our endowment, and raising funds to help support families and children in our community through key library services and programs. All of these were made possible through the generosity and kindness of our donors.

2022 highlights include:

- Our most successful Colorado Gives Day and year-end giving campaigns to date, raising over \$106,000 and engaging more than 720 donors
- The largest donation in DCLF’s history from a foundation, in the amount of \$200,000
- An October 2022 gala that surpassed fundraising goals and continues to be a cherished community event

Looking ahead to 2023 and beyond, we will continue to work toward building our endowment to ensure that our community enjoys premium library services and support far into the future. In addition, the Foundation will continue its support of library events, scholarships and community partnerships.

As with all DCLF work, it takes an incredible team to reach these milestones. I am thankful to our volunteers, donors and DCL staff for working together to build the Foundation and to inspire a love of reading, discovery and connection. And I am grateful to our board members and library trustees, who lead with dedication and passion for our vision. Their leadership continues to give us the momentum we need to grow the Foundation and support our community.

Thank you for working to provide premium library experiences for our community today, tomorrow and for years to come!

Regards,

Amber DeBerry
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





Fundraising Highlights

Fête des Fables

We celebrated the classic story of Hansel & Gretel at our August family fête and October gala. The family fundraiser at DCL's Lone Tree location evoked a German Biergarten and gingerbread house; then we filled the Highlands Ranch Mansion to capacity (250 guests) for axe throwing, glam stations, classical music and much more, in a delightful evening deep in the woodcutter's forest. Together, the events raised nearly \$100,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and the very popular stuffy and wine pulls.

Colorado Gives Day

- Goal: \$50,000
- Total raised via Colorado Gives Day campaign (November 1-December 6): \$61,035
- Total year-end giving (November 1-December 31): \$106,500
- Number of donors: 636 (240 of which were first-time donors)

T-Shirt Sales

In 2022, we sold two shirts to benefit DCLF: our Summer Reading T-shirt and a specially designed literary fox shirt. We sold and delivered 216/235 shirts, netting \$1,944.90.

Impact

Scholarships

- 17 Camp DCL scholarships, totaling \$4,250
- 2 Career Online High School (COHS) scholarships, totaling \$2,500
- 38 individual GED test vouchers, totaling \$1,425

Children's Hospital Colorado (CHCO)

In 2022, the Foundation donated hundreds of books to CHCO in support of two events. Coinciding with CHCO's annual telethon in February, we donated 530 books to be given to children staying in the hospital or coming in for treatment. In September, we fulfilled a second request for 200 books, supporting CHCO's participation in a worldwide Babies with Books read-a-thon, benefitting families with babies in the NICU.

Operation Paperback

Managed by DCL Volunteer Services

- 417 books shipped
- 55 family recipients
- Most shipped within the U.S.; several international shipments as well

Douglas County School

District Mental Health Team

We donated 25 copies of *One Trusted Adult: How to Build Strong Connections & Healthy Boundaries with Young People*, by Brooklyn Raney, to the mental health team at Douglas County School District. Through our donation, school mental health professionals will gain valuable insights for their work, as well as help other school district staff understand their importance in the lives of young people.

SecondAct Women

In 2022, DCL formed a partnership with SecondAct Women, a business club by and for women ages 40+. In support of DCL's mental health strategy, we sponsored their September UnPlug Fall Retreat and Self-care Camp at our Highlands Ranch location, providing Events & Hospitality staff support, gifts for attendees, and 70 donated copies of *You are a Badass Every Day*, by Jen Sincero. It was a wonderful day for participants to reset, refuel and reconnect.

Supporting the work of Douglas County Libraries

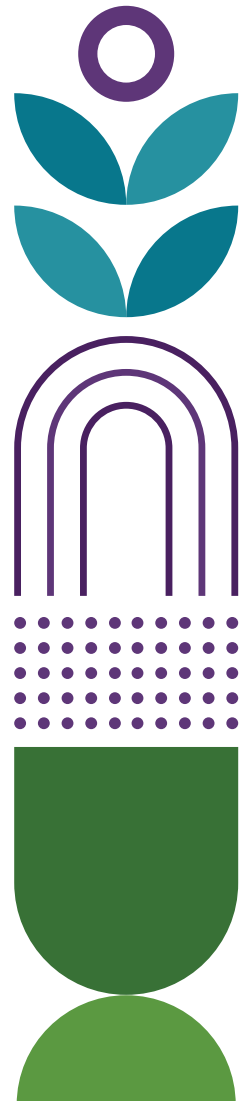
The Foundation grants money each year to Douglas County Libraries to support the incredible work of our libraries. With the help of these funds, DCL provides premium programming and services to more than 3.2 million in-person and online visitors annually. DCL offers an array of opportunities impacting youth, families and adults in Douglas County. DCL delivers gift bags to new moms and newborns in Douglas County hospitals, beginning a lifelong journey with each family. In 2022, we made 4,100 gifts, strengthening our ties to both families and partner hospitals. As children and families grow, so does our support:

- More than 111,000 people attended Storytime in 2022.
- We partnered with the Douglas County School District and supported students through school ID access to digital resources, book-themed arts-in-education assemblies, and trivia bowl competitions based on books.
- Last summer, kids, teens and adults participating in our Summer Reading program read for 8,689,202 minutes. Through myriad book clubs, lifelong learning events and outreach, DCL provides opportunities for everyone, stretching beyond our walls to deliver vital services.

A highlight of 2022 was our new exhibit, Forest of Stories, 120 book-inspired trees installed throughout DCL's seven branches and displayed for seven weeks. Forest of Stories offered a free cultural experience, bringing shared enjoyment and wonder to the entire Douglas County Libraries community.

“Further evidence of the magic of libraries! Our local library @DCLcolorado just put up some amazing literature-themed trees, including Austen, Dickens, Wells and more. Love it!”

DCL CUSTOMER
PAUL W., VIA TWITTER



Other Noteworthy Activity

Endowment

In the first full year of our endowment's existence, its value grew by over \$61,000. DCLF approved a transfer of \$50,000 to the endowment, and we received a matching grant of \$10,000 from Rose Community Foundation for participation in its endowment cohort training. In addition, we celebrated two individual donations totaling \$1,075, that were restricted for the endowment. The fund's current total is \$108,887.

Volunteer Services Contributions

In addition to monetary donors, DCL is very fortunate to have a wonderful volunteer program, wherein individuals donate their time to support the vision of DCL and directly impact money earned for DCLF through our physical and online bookstores.

- 1,342 unique volunteers
- 24,703 hours donated to DCL
- Second Chapter Bookstore sale revenue: \$85,473.33
- Online book sales: 678 units, \$7,967.97

Amazon Smile

Note: Amazon discontinued this program effective February, 2023.

- 210 customers
- \$800.08
- Approximately 250 purchases supported DCLF each month

King Soopers

- 125 households
- \$5,166.86



Recognizing Donors

Thank you to all our donors!

While we only list individual donors at \$1,000 and above in this report, DCLF acknowledges and appreciates support from all our donors at all levels. We are grateful for our more than 600 donors and supporters.



2022 Supporters, \$5,000+



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Castle Rock Colorado Genealogical Society	Fransen Pittman	Pulte Group	
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