



A Year of Impact

2025 Annual Report

Johnson County Public Library Foundation & Friends of JCPL

Letter from the JCPLF Board President, Chele Heid

Dear Johnson County Public Library Patrons,

From one Library Lover to another, I would like to extend my warmest greetings! The Johnson County Public Library Foundation was created to develop and administer private funds to expand opportunities for JCPL because we believe in a Library system that empowers lifelong learning, connection, and engagement in our community. My earliest library experiences in the late '70s, checking out Ramona & Beezus books in the cozy kids nook, taught me that a library is essential to a good life. For the past 23 years I have called JCPL home. Serving on the Board and helping to carry out its objectives is the best way I know to show my appreciation for the library's presence in my life.

In years when Library funding was at its peak, JCPL and our neighbors here in the county benefited from supplemental funds provided by the Foundation. Now, with Library funding at risk due to state legislative changes, our work is more important than ever. In addition to supporting programs like Authors at JCPL, Explore Summer, and Merry Prairie, the Foundation is a committed partner for future branch expansions and renovations.

Despite the challenges ahead, I am optimistic about the Library's future. I know that people like you recognize the Library's value in our community and will continue to provide your vital support. Thank you to all who donated, encouraged friends to donate, and to the library staff and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make 2025 a successful year.

Your library friend,
Chele Heid
President, Johnson County Public Library Foundation



Making Donations Count

Johnson County Public Library Foundation's mission is to develop and administer private funds to expand opportunities for the Johnson County Public Library. We do that by fundraising through individual giving, corporate giving, fundraising events, direct library program sponsorship, grants, and legacy giving such as the Silver Tree Society and the Explore Summer Endowment.

\$30,800 +

Gifts to the annual fund and the JCPLF staff campaign pushed us over the \$30,000 mark - a 36% increase from 2024!

\$21,000 +

A Special Evening with Mitch Albom sold out over 600 tickets and broke our event fundraising records.

\$14,600 +

Snuggle Up with a Book Ball had another successful year with incredible co-chairs, William Kent Krueger and Michael Koryta.

2025 Support to JCPL

Funding Areas	Total
Authors at JCPL (14%)	\$16,067
Explore Summer (15%)	\$17,265
Advocacy (9%)	\$10,000
Other Programs (62%)	\$70,048
Total Support to JCPL	\$113,380
Operational Costs	\$25,977

\$36,000 + from Friends of JCPL

The Friends of JCPL continue to host volunteer-run book sales and Booktiques in each JCPL branch throughout the year. The outdoor book sales are wildly popular community events for volunteers and shoppers alike!



Supporting Our Libraries

Johnson County Public Library Foundation supports library programming for all ages and ability levels. Annual programs like Explore Summer and new programs like the How To Festival filled the year with expansive opportunities. Learn more about some of the programs supported by JCPLF:

Explore Summer

- Over 6,200 registrants
- 5.1 Million minutes of reading logged
- 9,000+ attendees joined programs in and out of Library branches
- Over 237,000 items checked out by JCPL patrons from June 1-July 31
- 25+ Local businesses were financial sponsors
- 35+ Local businesses donated prize coupons

How To Festival

- Inaugural event had over 250 attendees
- Over 40 sessions and stations to learn how to jump-start a car, paint a mural, and more!

Literacy and Culture

- Kindergarden Readiness
- Celebrate Dia
- Read to Me Jamboree
- Cultural Fair
- Lit Loot for Teens
- Teen Art

Authors at JCPL

- Fully funded by JCPLF
- 8 visiting authors
 - Marissa Meyer, Sophie Jordan, Tiffany Jackson, David Rosenfelt, Jeffery Deaver, David Baldacci, Patti Callahan Henry, C.J. Box
- 2,450 event attendees
- 800 FREE books distributed to JCPL patrons

Supporting Library Programs

- Gifts to JCPLF can be designated to specific library programs
- Recurring monthly donations can be a budget friendly way to offer sustaining support
- Recurring or one-time donations can be set up online using this QR code or by visiting JCPLF.org/donate



Leading Our Community

Johnson County Public Library Foundation and Friends of JCPL make an impact in no small part due to the support and leadership of their respective Boards of Directors. Thank you to these incredible volunteers who are leading our Library community.

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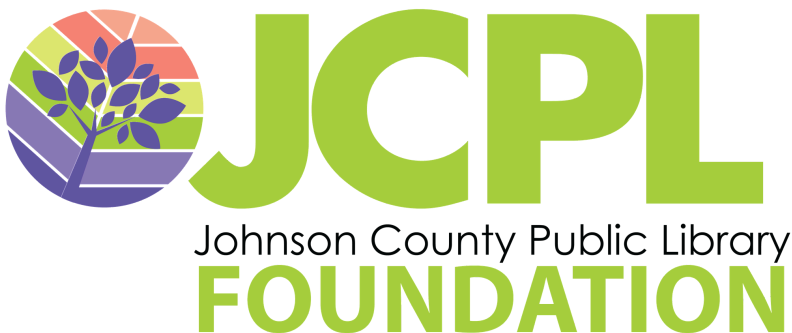
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- Marti Ramsey, Co-Treasurer
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- Diane Black
- LeShon Gray
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- Regina Harvey
- Mitch Salyers

2025 Friends of JCPL

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- Marti Ramsey, Treasurer
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- Lisa Lintner, JCPL Director
- Merilee Allen, Book Sales
- Patricia McSpadden, Book Sales
- Eric Jenkins
- Tanya Pugh
- Alicia Tisdale
- Amber Turner, JCPL Liason

Silver Tree Society - Leading a Legacy

The Silver Tree Society was created to honor donors who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Johnson County Library Foundation through planned giving or a deferred gift. This group of supporters has grown to over 25 members, all with a eye on the Library's future impact. Learn more about the members and how to join at jcplf.org/silvertree.



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