

NEW LIBRARY COMING TO NORTHWEST JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) will build a new destination library in the northwest region of the county to meet the needs of a growing population who lack convenient access to existing physical library services. This new library will provide additional access to information and opportunities for all generations and will be adaptable for future growth and economic development.

A FULLY FUNDED PROJECT

In 2015, voters in Jefferson County approved to increase the maximum mill levy for the Jefferson County Public Library for the purposes of restoring the level of library services and expanding library services into underserved areas. We have been saving these funds and have included them in the capital plan to make this new library possible.

AN IDEAL LOCATION

The location of the new library is yet to be discovered, though we anticipate seeking land within the library services area shown.

The following site selection criteria are the guideposts for our decision-making:

SIZE: The site will be a minimum of 5 acres to support a 30,000 to 45,000 square foot building, outdoor learning environments, technology and innovation needs, indoor programs and sufficient parking to support larger events and programs.

LOCATION: The ideal location will have high visibility and be accessible, inclusive and safe. It will be convenient to access and provide intuitive wayfinding from community travel routes.

SUSTAINABILITY AND STEWARDSHIP: The site will promote an outdoor connection, foster environmental stewardship and be a good value.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

Success for the Northwest Jefferson County Library depends on community input. JCPL wants to create a destination that helps to build an educated and vibrant community.

We hope you will share your thoughts for our new library by participating in our surveys and public meetings. We are also excited to hear your ideas about where the library could be located, including any potential partnership opportunities.



ENGAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



2022/23Site Selection & Acquisition



2022/23 Community Input



2022/23Program of Service



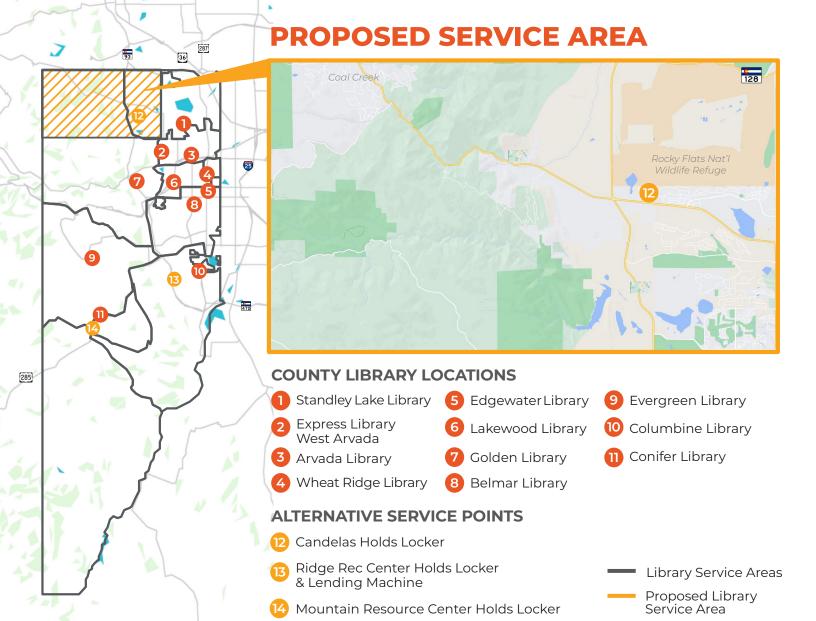
2024 Design



2024
Permitting
Process



2024Library
Construction



THE NEW NORTHWEST JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY WILL:



MEET THE NEEDS OF A GROWING POPULATION

- The household growth rate from 2020 to 2030 for this region of the county is expected to be 36% while the household growth rate for the county is expected to be 9%.
- · According to 2020 Census data, there are 10,800 households in the library service area.
- By 2030, this area of the county is expected to have 14,700 households.



PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO EXISTING PHYSICAL LIBRARY SERVICES

- The service area represents a large geographic area that lacks convenient library locations.
- Many northwest Jefferson County residents must drive more than 10 minutes to reach an existing library location.
- The additional library location will attract new patrons and increase accessibility for existing active and inactive cardholders.

