

BOARD MEETING

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 16, 2026



Mixed Media Art Garage



Cybersecurity Awareness



Teen Shark Workshop



Art Around the World Camp/
Campamento Arte Alrededor del Mundo at
Deer Creek



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BOARD MEETING AGENDA - AMENDED

Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees

ITEM# / ACTION	Thursday, July 16, 2026 – 5:30 pm – HYBRID MEETING • ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM • In-Person at Lakewood Library meeting room, 10200 W. 20th Avenue, Lakewood 80215
1.	Call to order & attendance (4.5.8) A. Verbal roll call – Each Trustee announces their presence by stating their name.
2.	Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Action	Approve Agenda Chair: Call for motion and second
4. Public Comment	Public Comment The Board values public participation. Those who would like to address the Library Board can do so virtually, in-person, or online. The opportunity to address the Library Board does not include a question-and-answer session or response. Additionally, the Library Board does not respond to anonymous questions or comments. Comments will be acknowledged in the minutes of the meeting. For more information on public comment policy please refer to Board Governance Policy 4.3.7: May 2026 Board Governance Policy Manual
5. CONSENT AGENDA Action	Approval of Consent Agenda Chair: Call for motion and second A. Approve Minutes of June 11, 2026 Board Study Session B. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2026 Board Meeting C. Authorize Midwest Tape Audio/Visual Contract Renewal
6. Foundation	Foundation Update
7. Operational Updates Action as Needed	<u>Executive Director</u> A. Executive Director Report B. 2026 Annual Plan Updates <u>Strategy & Operations</u> <u>Finance and Budget</u> A. Financial Report (June 2026) B. Lakewood Restroom Project Cost Update <u>People and Culture</u> A. Executive Director Recruitment/Search Committee Update Action as needed <u>Libraries & Inclusion and Communications & Engagement</u> A. Wheat Ridge Library Service Area Market Analysis

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	B. Wheat Ridge Library Services Community Engagement Report Guests: Clermont Eliot Libraries & Inclusion A. Summer Reading
8. Action as Needed	Items Removed From Consent Agenda (4.3.4): The Board may address and/or vote on any items that were removed from the Consent Agenda
9. Emerging Issues Action as Needed	
10. Ends Action as Needed	Ends: No items.
11. Board Governance	Board Governance
12. Suggest Agenda Items Action as Needed	BOARD SCHEDULE – NEXT MEETINGS – Location of meetings of the Library Board of Trustees are being determined in cooperation with guidelines from Jefferson County. Information on meeting location will be posted at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date. <u>2026 Board Meeting Schedule</u> • August 13, 2026 – Study Session – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room • August 20, 2026 – Board Meeting – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room • September 10, 2026 – Study Session – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room • September 17, 2026 – Board Meeting – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room
13. Discussion	Board Questions or Comments Related to Items on the Meeting Agenda
14. Discussion	Evaluate Board Meeting (4.1.9)
15. Information	Announcements/General Information Sharing • Report of the Chair – Correspondence, Other • Other Announcements
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION	EXECUTIVE SESSION: Guest Eric Butler, County Attorney's Office Call for Motion and Second to recess the special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and reconvene in executive session. Topic: <u>Executive Director Recruitment</u>. Statutory citations authorizing an executive session are: • Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for discussion of strategy and instructions to negotiators. • Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

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	Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel Matters.
17.Reconvene Regular Meeting Action as needed	Executive Session Summary
18. ADJOURNMENT	Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION
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TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Emelda Walker, Chair and Donna Walker, Executive Director

DATE: July 16, 2026

RE: Consent Agenda for the July 16, 2026 Library Board Meeting

- A. Library Board of Trustees Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2026 Board Study Session.
- B. Library Board of Trustees Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Board Meeting.
- C. Library Board of Trustees Authorize the Midwest Tape Audio/Visual Contract Renewal

Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees Study Session
June 11, 2026- 5:30pm
Hybrid Meeting held online via ZOOM
and in-person in the Lakewood Library meeting room.

TOPICS:

Strategy & Operations - Finance & Budget

- A. Review DRAFT letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying the mill levy necessary to maintain and operate the library
- B. Review DRAFT 2027 5-Year Capital Plan
- C. Review DRAFT 2027 Proposed Budget Plan
- D. Review Golden Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement

Communications & Engagement

- A. Northwest Jeffco Library Naming

Board Governance

- A. Nominating Committee

Call to Order

Emelda Bing Walker, Chair, called the Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Other Trustees present: Charles Jones (Secretary), Pam Anderson, Kim Johnson, Jill Fellman, Renny Fagan and Nikki Jain Brown

Absent:.. All Trustees were present.

Staff present: Donna Walker, Executive Director; Bernadette Berger, Chief Information Officer; Cynthia Kiyotake, Chief Libraries and Inclusion Officer; Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy and Operating Officer; Lisa Smith, Chief People and Culture Officer; Elise Pennington, Director of Communications and Engagement; Julianne Rist, Library Planning and Policy Senior Advisor; Lizzie Gall, Assistant Director of Public Services for Resources and Programs; Padma Polepeddi, Assistant Director of Libraries & Inclusion for Community Outreach; Amy Bentz, Assistant Director of Library Design Projects & Planning; Brad Green, TDI Systems and Security Manager; Cheryl Murphy, TDI Service Manager; Bryan Kratish, Northwest Jeffco Library Manager; Amber Fisher, Executive Assistant; Kelci Rude, Administrative Coordinator Supervisor, Ryan Turch, Technology and Innovation Operations Supervisor.

There were additional Library staff members attending the meeting.

Strategy & Operations - Finance & Budget

A. Review DRAFT letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying the mill levy necessary to maintain and operate the library

Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy and Operating Officer presented the draft letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying the mill levy necessary to maintain and operate the library.

In response to a question the Board was advised that the priorities listed in the letter come in large part from the mil levy ballot language continuing to point out to the public that JCPL is using the mil levy the way they intended.

B. Review DRAFT 2027 5-Year Capital Plan

C. Review DRAFT 2027 Proposed Budget Plan

Kirsten Ruiz presented information on the library's draft 5-year capital plan and 2027 Proposed Budget plan including:

- Key Assumptions
- County Property Tax Revenue Methodology
- 2027 Property Tax Revenue Update
- Fund balance forecasts at 5%, 4% and 3%
- 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- 10-year Capital Outlook
- Project Cost Estimates, Deer Creek and Northwest Jeffco
- Project Contingency, Deer Creek and Northwest Jeffco

D. Review DRAFT 2027 Proposed Budget Plan

Kirsten Ruiz presented information on the 2027 preliminary budget with the following recommendations:

- Revenue forecast: assume 5% property tax increase
- Project Budgets:
 - Deer Creek Library authorize Total Project Cost of \$33,650,228
 - Increase authorized baseline project cost from \$30,849,540 to \$32,700,286
 - Increase contingency from \$652,450 to \$ 1,602,392
 - Northwest Jeffco Library authorize Total Project Cost of \$32,609,036
 - Increase authorized baseline project cost from \$25,970,270 to \$29,947,898
 - Increase contingency from \$765,000 to \$ 2,661,138
 - Hold additional management reserve at Board up to \$35.3M Total Project Cost
- FTE Request:
 - 5 additional FTE for current operations
 - 11.5 additional FTE for Deer Creek operations between September and December
- Contingency: Increase appropriated contingency from \$500K to up to \$3.3M

After some discussion the Chair asked for and received consensus from the Board to accept the recommendations. The Library will bring back the letter to the Board of County Commissioners,

the 2027 5-Year Capital Plan and the 2027 Proposed Budget Plan based on the recommendations to the June 18, 2026 Board meeting for formal votes to submit.

E. Review Golden Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement

Kirsten Ruiz presented information on the Golden Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement. The Board reached consensus to place this item on the consent agenda for the June 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Communications & Engagement

A. Northwest Jeffco Library Naming

Elise Pennington, Director of Communications and Engagement and Bryan Kratish, Northwest Jeffco Library Manager, presented information on the naming recommendation for the Northwest Jeffco Library.

The Board expressed appreciation to Elise and Bryan for their excellent work. The Board will have a formal vote to name the Northwest Jeffco Library the Coal Creek Library at the June 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Board Governance

A. Nominating Committee

The Chair advised the Board that according to the Bylaws, Section 4 Vacancies, a vacancy occurring in the office of Vice Chair shall be filled for the unexpired term by a trustee elected at a Regular meeting, notice of such election having been given five days in advance of the meeting by the highest-ranking officer. The Chair noted that she is reconvening the Nominating Committee, Pam Anderson and Kim Johnson. The committee will provide the Chair with their nomination for Vice-Chair for the term June 19, 2026 to March 2027 by tomorrow June 12. The Library will hold the posting of the June 18 meeting until June 12 to include the nomination in the information packet and meet the 5-day requirement. The Board will vote to elect a Vice-Chair at the June 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

The Chair adjourned the Study Session at 6:38 pm.

Charles Jones, Secretary

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees was held online via ZOOM and in-person in the Lakewood Library meeting room on June 18, 2026. Library Board of Trustees Chair, Emelda Walker, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Other Trustees present: Charles Jones (Secretary), Renny Fagan, Jill Fellman, Nikki Jain Brown and Kim Johnson.

Absent: Trustee Pam Anderson joined the meeting at 5:35 pm as noted below in the minutes.

Staff present: Donna Walker, Executive Director; Bernadette Berger, Chief Information Officer; Cynthia Kiyotake, Chief Libraries and Inclusion Officer; Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy and Operating Officer; Lisa Smith, Chief People and Culture Officer; Bernadette Berger, Chief Information Officer; Elise Pennington, Director of Communications and Engagement; Julianne Rist, Library Planning and Policy Senior Advisor; Lizzie Gall, Assistant Director of Public Services for Resources and Programs; Padma Polepeddi, Assistant Director of Libraries & Inclusion for Community Outreach; Amy Bentz, Assistant Director of Library Design Projects & Planning; Brad Green, TDI Systems and Security Manager; Cheryl Murphy, TDI Service Manager; Amber Fisher, Executive Assistant; Kelci Rude, Administrative Coordinator Supervisor, Ryan Turch, Technology and Innovation Operations Supervisor.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Jill Fellman moved that the Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Nikki Jain Brown the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair advised the Board that four online form public comments were received and sent to the Board. Two comments were on the use of AI, one on the CD collection and one on Pride month. No one signed up for in-person or virtual public comment and the Chair closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Trustee Pam Anderson joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.

SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. Proclamation Honoring Trustee Kim Johnson

The Chair addressed the Board and read the following proclamation acknowledging Trustee Kim Johnson. The Board of County Commissioners appointed Kim Johnson to the Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees in 2016. Johnson was elected as Board Secretary in 2017, Vice Chair in 2019 and Chair in 2021. Trustee Johnson helped govern the library through both challenging and exciting times. During her 10-year Board tenure, she has provided leadership and support for many notable and impactful Library initiatives and helped guide them to fruition. These include:

- Expanded library hours
- Increased staffing levels
- Expanded alternative services through holds lockers, returns bins, curbside service and JCPL's new bookmobile
- Reduced barriers to library services by going fine free, eliminating replacement costs for children's materials, implementing auto renewals and launching free printing in our libraries
- Increased digital library access, offerings and ease of use
- Launched curbside services, after-hours phone support and MyJCPL library app
- Constructed the Edgewater Library in partnership with the City of Edgewater and created a new stand-alone library in Conifer
- Remodeled the Columbine, Belmar and Evergreen Libraries, as well as the underway Arvada Library remodel
- Purchased land for a new library in northwest Jeffco, as well as an existing building in southern Jeffco for the future Deer Creek Library
- Created the nation's first free-standing, self-service Express Library in West Arvada
- Installed EV Charging stations at five Library locations
- Supported the implementation of creative technology programming and resources, including the Belmar Create Space and Digital Media Studio
- Launched assistive technology and digitization workstations at five library locations
- Expanded JCPL's fundraising development efforts
- Governed through a global pandemic and recovery
- Launched PowerOn Jeffco Digital Literacy program
- Created and updated JCPL's Facility Master Plan
- Played a key role in advancing the staff compensation study to align staff pay with market rates
- Guided JCPL's inaugural Collective Bargaining Agreement to approval
- Fiscal stewardship leadership

Trustee Johnson took on the additional responsibilities of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and serving on the Bylaws and Nominating Committees.

We would like to acknowledge the progress of the Library during Trustee Johnson's tenure and thank her for her volunteer service to the Library and community. We will miss her leadership, experience and persistent pursuit of creating place, supporting equity of access and empowering our people.

Under Trustee Johnson's leadership, JCPL truly has enriched lives and our community by providing equitable and free access to information, experiences and opportunities. Our libraries are essential places in our community for connection, learning, discovery and creation where everyone belongs and feels welcome. Her dedicated service will truly leave a lasting legacy.

B. Naming Agreement

In addition, JCPL's Naming Rights Guidelines allow for naming rights and name recognition opportunities when the Library Board desires to honor an individual, foundation or corporation for outstanding service contributions that are consistent with the mission and vision of the Library.

We recommend that JCPL demonstrate our utmost respect, deepest gratitude and heartfelt wishes for Trustee Johnson with a recognition naming of the Teen Art Wall in the redesigned Arvada Library.

The Trustees individually expressed appreciation to Kim Johnson for her service.

MOTION: Charles Jones moved that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Name Recognition Agreement between Kim Johnson, the Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees and the Jefferson County Public Library. Seconded by Pam Anderson, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

Kim Johnson addressed the Board and expressed appreciation for the honor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair asked the Trustees if any of the items should be removed from the consent agenda. There were no requests for items to be removed.

Items on the Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2026 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of May 21, 2026 Board Meeting
- C. Approve 2027 Governance Budget 4.8.2
- D. Adopt 2027 Board Meeting Schedule
- E. Golden Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION: Nikki Jain Brown moved that the Library Board of Trustees approve the items on the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Jill Fellman the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Jo Schantz Hall provided highlights of her report including the Spring Whale of a Book Sale that raised \$115,000. The Books on Film benefit is July 17 featuring the Odyssey and the Volunteer Appreciation event is July 31 at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director advised the Board that on Tuesday evening, the City of Arvada presented JCPL with a proclamation in honor of the Library's programming around Juneteenth. The Executive Director thanked the trustees and staff who attended and expressed appreciation to staff who provide the services and programming that created this opportunity.

The Executive Director acknowledged Kim Johnson and expressed appreciation for her leadership at JCPL.

B. 2026 Annual Plan Update

The Executive Director advised the Board that the patron survey went out on the radically welcoming experience. The team is working on Deer Creek pricing. This Saturday is the Juneteenth event from 1:30 to 3:00 at Deer Creek featuring a Colorado jazz band. There is a Pride event Saturday at the Arvada Center. The Executive Director thanked the Trustees who attended the Arvada dusty boots tour. Summer Reading is going gang busters and JCPL's summer camp experience provides an opportunity for access to discovery and creation. NW Jeffco naming is on the agenda for this evening. Administration restroom construction restarted this week and the project to reintegrate staff is moving forward. The Board will hear more about Wheat Ridge in executive session. JCPL completed the in-market community engagement. Collective Bargaining implementation continues with lots of activity over the last week. Progress continues to be made and the staffing analysis starts in July.

Strategy & Operations

Finance and Budget

A. Financial Report (May 2026)

Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy and Operating Officer provided an overview on the May 2026 monthly financials. Property tax revenue of \$4.28 million was reported with approximately \$19.4 million still expected to be collected. Revenue compares fairly even to prior years at this point in May. A grant of \$64,000 was received and another large grant is expected in September. Investment income is tracking as expected. Operating is running according to plan. May financials have not closed yet so we will see some adjustments. Capital outlay overall is underspending. Carryforward is in the budget and fully implemented. The supplemental request is still pending and that salary line item has not been adjusted yet. The Board was advised that the Lakewood restroom project overspend is being reviewed and more information will be brought to the Board.

A. Letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying the mill levy necessary to maintain and operate the library

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Chair to sign the letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying the mil levy necessary to maintain and operate the Library in 2027. Seconded by Nikki Jain Brown the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

B. 2027 5-Year Capital Plan

MOTION: Charles Jones moved that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Director to submit the 2027 5-Year Capital Plan request to the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded by Jill Fellman the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

In response to a request, the Board was advised that the contingencies allows the Library to quickly respond to emerging needs through the year and for this board to approve if needed. If not in the budget it would require the Library to go through the supplemental request process. The contingency adjustments are:

- Deer Creek Library increase contingency from \$652,450 to \$1,602,392
- Northwest Jeffco Library increase contingency from \$765,000 to \$2,661,138
- Operating contingency increase from \$500,000 to up to 3,300,000

C. 2027 Proposed Budget Plan

MOTION: Jill Fellman moved that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Director to submit the 2027 Proposed Budget Plan to the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded by Kim Johnson the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

People and Culture

A. Executive Director Recruitment Update

Lisa Smith, Chief People and Culture Officer introduced the topic and noted that the recruitment process was presented to the Board last month by Bradbury Miller. The recruitment timeline was presented and after some discussion the Board reached consensus on the timeline. The Board was advised that Bradbury Miller is running focus groups and sent a survey out to staff to gather input on the qualities staff would like to see in an executive director. The Board reviewed the draft job description. There was wide ranging discussion on the job description including:

- Minimum qualifications including MLIS from an ALA accredited program
- Commitment to DEI
- Excellent customer service
- Demonstrated innovation and technology experience
- Alternative qualifications and experience vs. MLIS, MLIS preferred and working toward MLIS
- Years of leadership experience including on a national level

The search committee will provide the Board's job description input to Bradbury Miller.

Communications & Engagement

A. Northwest Jeffco Library Naming

Elise Pennington, Director of Communications and Engagement, introduced the topic and noted that last week the Board was presented with the recommended name for the Northwest Jeffco Library. The Board was asked to officially approve the name Coal Creek Library.

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Director to name the Library to be located at Candelas Parkway and West 92nd Drive, Arvada, Colorado the Coal Creek Library. Seconded by Jill Fellman the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

EMERGING ISSUES

No issues.

ENDS

There were no items.

Trustee Pam Anderson left the meeting 7:05 pm

Board Governance

A. Trustees elect Vice-Chair for the term June 19, 2026 – March 2027

MOTION: Charles Jones moved that the Library Board of Trustees elect Renny Fagan as Vice-Chair for the term June 19, 2026 – March 2027. Seconded by Kim Johnson the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

BOARD SCHEDULE – NEXT MEETINGS

2026 Board Meeting Schedule

- July 9, 2026 – Board Meeting – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room
- July 16, 2026 – Study Session – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room
- August 13, 2026 – Board Meeting – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room
- August 20, 2026 – Study Session – 5:30 pm Hybrid: Virtual via ZOOM. In-Person Location: Lakewood Library Meeting Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL INFORMATION SHARING

The Chair announced that the board did receive eight emails regarding pride month and they were sent to Board. The Evergreen Library was recognized by the Jeffco Sheriff's Department

for their response and support during a critical incident at Evergreen High School.

At 7:10 pm, the Chair called for a motion to recess the regular meeting and reconvene in Executive Session.

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved to recess the Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and reconvene in Executive Session. Topics and statutory citations authorizing an executive session are:

Topic: (1) Library Services for the Wheat Ridge Community, Senior Resource Center Lease. Statutory citations authorizing an executive session are:

- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.
- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for discussion of strategy and instructions to negotiators.
- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(a) Concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of Property.

Topic: (2) Executive Director Recruitment. Statutory citations authorizing an executive session are:

- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for discussion of strategy and instructions to negotiators.
- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

Topic: (3) Executive Director Position. Statutory citation authorizing an executive session are:

- Pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel Matters.

Seconded by Nikki Jain Brown the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

The Chair announced a 10 minute break to allow the Board and staff to celebrate Kim Johnson, clear the room, leave the existing ZOOM meeting and then join the Executive Session.

The Chair called the Executive Session to order at 7:28 pm with the following Trustees present: Kim Johnson, Renny Fagan, Nikki Jain Brown, Charles Jones and Jill Fellman. Also present were Donna Walker, Executive Director; Kurt Behn, County Attorney's Office; Lisa Smith, Chief People & Culture Officer; Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy and Operating Officer; Cynthia Kiyotake, Chief Libraries and Inclusion Officer; Elise Pennington, Director of Communications & Engagement; and Amber Fisher, Executive Assistant.

It is noted that the session was recorded and that the recording will be retained for the required 90 days.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Jill Fellman the motion passed by unanimous vote of all Trustees present.

The Chair adjourned the executive session at 8:24 pm.

The Chair reconvened the regular meeting at 8:27 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

The Chair noted that the Library Board of Trustees met in Executive Session regarding Library Services for the Wheat Ridge Community, Senior Resource Center Lease, Executive Director Recruitment and the Executive Director Position. The Trustees held those discussions, and this summary is provided as required by Colorado Statute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Charles Jones, Secretary

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TO: Donna Walker, Executive Director

FROM: Cynthia Kiyotake, Chief Libraries and Inclusion Officer
Lizzie Gall, Assistant Director of Libraries & Inclusion for Resources and Programs

DATE: July 16, 2026

RE: Fourth Annual Renewal of Midwest Tape Contract

History of Contract: Midwest Tape Audiovisual Contract

In July of 2022 the Board of Trustees authorized Jefferson County Public Library to make Midwest Tape our primary vendor for media, DVDs and audiobooks. The approved contract allows us to renew with Midwest Tape annually for four additional years. This would be the fourth renewal. Midwest Tape continues to provide us with quality products under the services outlined in the contract and we would like to renew the contract. The fourth renewal would run from August 14th, 2026 to August 13th, 2027.

Total Cost:

The anticipated expenditure for this renewal period is \$525,000 and is within the approved 2026 Collections Books and Materials budget. The total amount of the entire contract is not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Action Requested:

We request that the Library Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Director to sign a one-year contract renewal with Midwest Tape as our primary physical audiovisual materials vendor.

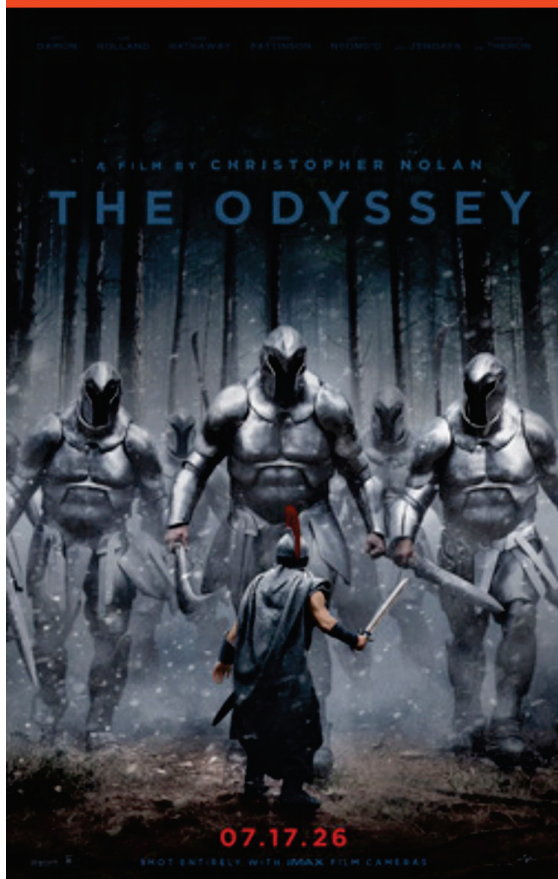
Foundation Update



■ **JULY 2026**

JCLF Executive Director Report

By Jo Schantz Hall, MNM, CFRE, GPC



Our 2026 Books On Film Benefit

We are expecting a blockbuster crowd for this year's blockbuster film -- The Odyssey, starring Matt Damon, Anne Hathaway, Tom Holland, Charlize Theron, Lupita Nyong'o, and Robert Pattinson.

The movie screening will take place on Friday, July 17, at Harkins 14 Cinemas in Arvada. Doors open at 6 pm and the film starts at 6:30 pm.

We are pleased to once again welcome Denver7 chief meteorologist Lisa Hidalgo as our event emcee, plus the post-film audience discussion will be led by Dr. Laurialan Reitzammer, Associate Professor of Classics at CU-Boulder.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include the film shown in a reserved theatre for our guests, popcorn and a beverage, a door prize drawing and participation in the interactive audience discussion.

This year's event sponsors include: Thrivent, Keller Williams -- The McDonald Group, IX Power Clean Water, Rocky Mountain Safety & Security, Sally Reed, and the Taurus Fund.



Fundraising Update

REQUESTS PENDING

- Mabel Y. Hughes Charitable Fund -- \$20,000 general operations
- PNC Foundation -- \$4,260 for Babies First Books
- Comprecare Foundation -- \$13,268 for PowerOn Digital Literacy
- Anschutz Family Foundation -- \$20,000 general operations

FUNDS APPROVED/RECEIVED

- IX Power Clean Water -- \$250 Books On Film sponsor
- Sally Reed -- \$250 Books On Film sponsor
- Keller Williams -- The McDonald Group -- \$250 Books On Film sponsor
- Mountain Foothills Rotary Club -- \$12,000 Friends Community Partner



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JULY 2026

JCLF Executive Director Report

Community Connections

- June 23 – Planned giving seminar at Colorado Gives Foundation
- June 24 – Combined Management Team, JCPL
- June 24 – Foundation Search online training
- June 25 – “Beyond Grants” online training
- June 29 – Teams meeting with Bridget Beatty
- June 29 – Wheat Ridge Rotary Club dinner
- July 1 – Lunch meeting with Board Secretary Jeannie Mann
- July 2 – Meeting at Center for the Arts Evergreen (Mountain Stories)
- July 8 – Meeting with Donna Walker and donor Al Kashinski at Belmar Library
- July 8 – New JCLF Board member orientation
- July 9 – Applewood Business Assn. luncheon
- July 9 – JCLF staff meeting
- July 13 – Wheat Ridge Rotary Club meeting
- July 14 – Walk-thru at Harkins Cinemas for Books On Film event
- July 15 – CSU Extension Advisory Board meeting
- July 16 – Golden Pantry & Thrift Board meeting
- July 16 – Sponsorship meeting, Mountain Stories committee



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, July 31, JCLF will be pleased to honor ALL our volunteers and -- at the same time -- recognize four key volunteers who have shown outstanding support throughout this past year.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center in Wheat Ridge. Our theme for 2026 is Africa, and we have arranged singing and drumming entertainment by Afrocentric Entertainment. Lunch will be catered by the African Grill in Lakewood.

Save The Date!

September 25 + 26, 2026

Center for the Arts Evergreen



Mountain Stories brings our community together through the power of books, storytelling, nature, and creative expression—connecting readers and writers while expanding access to literacy and fostering a shared love of the arts.



Megan E. Freeman



Adrian Miller



Jenny Shank



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2025 - 2027
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Join us for

- Author meet & greet
- Book signings
- Boxed lunch included
- Author presentations & panel discussion
- VIP Happy Hour with presenting authors



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Executive Director



JULY 2026 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS

Equity of Access

OBJECTIVE: INCREASE COMMUNITY USE OF THEIR LIBRARY

Jeffco residents feel a genuine pull to regularly use the library. What we offer as the library enriches their lives.

Annual Plan Progress:

- **Radically Welcoming New Patron Experience:** Deploy updated onboarding emails.
- **Deer Creek Library:** Continue Construction Document phase. Onboard owner's representative. Provide interim library services.

Library Initiatives:

- Deer Creek Library and Bookmobile programming.
- Free Bicycle Repair Clinic with local bike shops at Lakewood Library
- Plant Swap at the Golden Library

OBJECTIVE: BRIDGE GAPS TO ACCESS

Each element of JCPL service is designed, delivered and promoted to create the opportunity for everyone to participate. Our tax-supported services are provided free of charge.

Annual Plan Progress:

- **Digital Accessibility:** Continue project planning. Publish Q2 Compliance Report.
- **Arvada Redesign:** Advance construction toward completion. Provide interim services during closure.

Library Initiatives:

- Art Around the World Camp – 3 day bilingual visual arts camp with the Arvada Center at the Deer Creek Library.

- [Visual Art Workshop for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth](#) with the Arvada Center at the Columbine Library.

Creating Place

OBJECTIVE: MAKE EVERY VISIT AN EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

We treat patrons as welcome guests at every point of contact, creating experiences and spaces that meet or exceed their needs. Individually and as a community, patrons recommend their library as a safe and trusted resource.

Annual Plan Progress:

- **Coal Creek Library:** Continue community outreach. Establish updated project timeline.
- **Lakewood Library and Administration Refresh:** Continue construction on Administration restrooms.
- **New Integrated Library System (ILS):**

Library Initiatives:

- Continue Evergreen Library roof replacement.

OBJECTIVE: SHAPE SERVICES AND SPACES TO ENCOURAGE LEARNING AND DISCOVERY

We approach service and space design with a focus on learning for all ages, backgrounds and abilities. JCPL is known to be a safe place to explore and incubate ideas together.

Annual Plan Progress:

- **Wheat Ridge Library Services:** Provide Community Engagement Report. Define Library Service Needs. Continue partner discussions.
- **Expand Creative Technology Learning:**
- **AI Innovation and Engagement Strategy:**. Offer patron programs.

Library Initiatives:

- [Raised in Silence: A Conversation with Maia Gallucci](#) at Conifer Library
- [Everyday Artificial Intelligence](#) at the Standley Lake Library

Our People

OBJECTIVE: JCPL IS AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

JCPL understands and takes action on what draws people to work here. Together, we intentionally build a culture of belonging for all.

Annual Plan Progress:

- ✓ **Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA):** This project is complete. All deliverables met by Feb 11, 2026.
- **Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Implementation:** Complete 2026 supplemental budget request to BCC. Continue required committees. Establish a supervisor training plan.

OBJECTIVE: EMPLOYEES ARE EQUIPPED TO DELIVER ON OUR PROMISES TO THE COMMUNITY

JCPL staff are trained, supported and encouraged to succeed in their role, with a team focus on meeting the library's mission.

Annual Plan Progress:

- **Staffing Analysis:** Launch project.

Library Initiatives:

Rosalie Rodriguez, Kids and Families Core Librarian, is attending the Fred Rogers Institute Conference in Latrobe, PA.

Padma Polepeddi, Libraries and Inclusion Assistant Director, attended the PLA (Public Library Association) Board meeting in Chicago, IL.

Cheryl Murphy, Assistant Director of TDI, Innovative Technical Services, and **Francisco Sanchez**, TDI Training and Communications Specialist, are coordinating a dedicated "Tech at the Library" table at the 2026 Jeffco Tech Showcase.

Bernadette Berger, Chief Information Officer (CIO), will serve as a judge for the 2026 Jeffco Innovation & Technology Awards.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Front Range Public Library Directors meeting
- Jeffco Elected/Appointed Officials Personnel Board meeting

- Meet with Colorado State Library Rural & Small Library Senior Consultant
- Jeffco EDC Board of Governors meeting
- Library Foundation Board of Directors meeting
- Meet with Senior Resource Center community partners
- Meet with interim County Manager
- Meet with Library Foundation Executive Director
- Meet with potential donor
- Meet with former CASA Executive Director
- Urban Libraries Council CEO meetings
- Meet with Westminster Public Library leadership
- Tour Express Library with Douglas County Library leadership

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOARD ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

- **CALCON 2026** The Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Conference is Colorado's premier event for library staff from libraries of all types throughout the state. Attendees learn from one another and hear from current experts in trending fields.. Sept 9-11 Hyatt Regency Aurora. Information provided for planning purposes. Registration is open. Let Amber know if you would like to attend.
 - Trustee Track Day, Thursday, September 10
 - A Survey of CO Laws Affecting Libraries and What's New for 2026
 - Awards Luncheon
 - Step Inside the Board Room: How to build and grow a great fundraising foundation
 - On the Path to the Ballot: Preparing your community for successful library funding measure
- **2026 ULC Annual Leadership Forum**, September 30-October 2, 2026 | Las Vegas, Nevada. Information provided for planning purposes. Registration is open. Let Amber know if you would like to attend.

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TO: Donna Walker, Executive Director

FROM: Kirsten Ruiz, Chief Strategy & Operating Officer

DATE: July 16, 2026

RE: Finance Monthly Report

Budget to Actual Tables – June 2026

Please see the enclosed Budget to Actual Tables for June 2026. Financial records have been closed through May 2026; therefore, June results are preliminary and subject to normal month-end adjustments.

In June, JCPL recorded \$17.3 million in Real Property Tax revenue. Year-to-date property tax collections total \$60.8 million, representing 96.7% of the annual budget, which is consistent with expected collection patterns. Total revenues through June are \$63.5 million, or 96.3% of budget.

Operating expenditures remain generally consistent with management expectations. Salary and benefit expenditures are trending modestly above the original adopted budget due primarily to compensation adjustments associated with the Collective Bargaining Agreement ratified earlier this year. The Board-approved supplemental budget request is progressing through the Jefferson County approval process and is currently awaiting final action by the Board of County Commissioners at the end of July. The revised budget is expected to be reflected in JCPL financial reporting beginning in August.

Capital spending remains below the annual budget as several major projects continue to advance through planning, design, and construction phases. The Library expects to receive key budget and schedule information for the Deer Creek and Coal Creek projects during the second half of the year. The Arvada Library Redesign continues to progress generally as expected.

The Jefferson County Library Foundation has provided \$64,711 in funding to JCPL year-to-date. During the same period, the Library has provided approximately \$46,415 in in-kind support, resulting in a ratio of approximately 0.72:1, meaning the Library has provided approximately \$0.72 in support for every \$1.00 received from the Foundation. June in-kind support totaled approximately \$7,794.

Management continues to monitor revenues, operating expenditures, and capital project activity. Operating results are expected to remain generally consistent with the amended 2026 budget. As is typical with multi-year capital projects, a portion of budgeted capital expenditures is expected to be carried forward to future years as project schedules and expenditures are finalized. Other than the Lakewood Restrooms project discussed below, management is not aware of any additional financial matters requiring Board attention at this time.

Lakewood Restroom Project Cost Update

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As of May 2026, the Lakewood Restrooms project had incurred approximately \$619K in project-related costs, exceeding the Board-approved budget of \$500K by approximately \$119K. Management's review determined that the variance is primarily attributable to three factors: design costs that were not included in the original project budget, costs associated with the asbestos spill and resulting building impacts, and operational costs incurred during the extended facility closure.

Of the costs incurred to date, approximately \$343K relates to restroom project scope, including design and construction completed to date with an additional \$80K estimated to complete the administration restroom. An additional \$276K of reported costs is associated with asbestos-related response and operational impacts that are being reviewed for potential reclassification outside of the restroom project.

Description	Amount
Design	\$36,554
Administration Restroom Construction (through May 2026)	\$306,574
Estimated Cost to Complete Administrative Restroom	\$80,000
Total Project Scope Costs	\$423,128
Asbestos-Related and Operational Impact Costs Under Review	\$266,715
Below Materiality Threshold	\$9,464
Costs under review	\$276,179

In addition, the original project scope included a second phase of patron restroom improvements. Based on current estimates, this remaining scope cannot be completed within the current Board-approved project budget. Management is evaluating options for the remaining scope and will return to the Board with recommendations regarding project priorities, scope, and budget requirements.

Management is also reviewing project cost classifications and strengthening project budgeting and financial controls to ensure future capital project budgets more fully reflect total project lifecycle costs.

TABLE 1
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TOTAL FUND SUMMARY
2026 BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Revenue and Expenditure	2026 Budget	YTD Preliminary Actual 06/30/2026	\$ Variance 2026 Budget	YTD % 2026 Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes (net adjustments)	62,855,736	60,757,416	(2,098,320)	97%
Grants, Funds & Donations	375,000	(59,829)	(434,829)	-16%
Investment Income	2,655,549	2,267,778	(387,771)	85%
Other Revenue	-	503,232	503,232	
Total Revenues	65,886,285	63,468,597	(2,417,688)	96%
Expenditures				
Operating	47,338,461	23,566,125	(23,772,336)	50%
Financial & Debt Service	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	47,029,007	3,756,609	(43,272,399)	8%
Total Expenditures	94,367,468	27,322,734	(67,044,734)	29%

TABLE 2
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPERATING EXPENDITURES
2026 BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Operating Expenditure	2026 Budget	YTD Preliminary Actual 06/30/2026	\$ Variance 2026 Budget	YTD % 2026 Budget
Salaries & Employee Benefits				
Salaries	19,933,531	10,213,239	9,720,292	51%
Awards & Bonuses	275,000	203,483	71,517	74%
Other	7,641,936	3,658,603	3,983,333	48%
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	27,850,467	14,075,325	13,775,142	51%
Library Collections				
Library Books & Materials	8,368,421	3,269,410	5,099,011	39%
Library Periodicals	229,000	117,463	111,537	51%
Total Library Collections	8,597,421	3,386,872	5,210,549	39%
Supplies and Other				
Supplies	2,560,849	1,210,147	1,350,702	47%
Services & Charges	8,615,650	3,432,852	5,182,798	40%
Interdepartmental Direct Charges	1,764,030	1,296,698	467,332	74%
Treasurers Fees	946,847	911,361	35,486	96%
Interdepartmental Indirect Charges	1,538,750	769,375	769,375	50%
Total Supplies and Other	14,479,279	6,709,072	7,770,207	46%
Total Expenditures	50,927,167	24,171,269	26,755,898	47%

**TABLE 3
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
2026 BUDGET TO ACTUAL**

Capital Project Expenditure	2026 Budget	YTD Preliminary Actual 06/30/2026	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Actual + Enc	Remaining 2026 Budget	Total Project Actual + Encumbrances	Approved Total Project Cost
Annual Replacement and Maintenance							
ARM-01 Capital Maintenance	325,000	122,902	-	122,902	202,098	n/a	n/a
ARM-02 Furniture & Equipment	40,500	-	-	-	40,500	n/a	n/a
ARM-03 Computer Replacement Plan	1,129,000	328,185	154,085	482,270	646,730	n/a	n/a
ARM-04 Book Sorter Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
ARM-05 IT Infrastructure Replacement	360,000	78,628	42,833	121,461	238,539	n/a	n/a
Capital Projects							
Northwest County Library	7,651,569	16,750	1,186,009	1,202,759	6,448,810	5,573,387	32,609,036
Conifer Library Tenant Finish	-	(16,102)	-	(16,102)	16,102	2,340,936	2,500,400
Arvada Library Redesign	13,825,415	2,046,062	125,692	2,171,755	11,653,660	3,242,121	14,895,781
Evergreen Library Roof Repair	1,023,959	155,734	-	155,734	868,226	302,775	
Library Interiors Refresh Project	750,000	509,532	-	509,532	240,468	509,532	750,000
Admin Office Reconfiguration	151,126	38,732	-	38,732	112,394	38,732	250,000
Lakewood Restrooms	115,284	207,719	12,703	220,422	(105,138)	632,010	500,000
Library Integrated Library System (ILS)	1,750,000	-	-	-	1,750,000	-	3,500,000
Deer Creek Library	17,348,893	593,776	906,214	1,499,990	15,848,903	12,715,037	33,650,228
Total Capital Project Expenditures	44,470,746	4,081,917	2,427,537	6,509,454	37,961,292		88,655,445

TABLE 4
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
GRANTS, FUNDS & DONATIONS
2026 BUDGET TO ACTUAL

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	YTD Preliminary Actual 06/30/2026	\$ Variance 2026 Budget	YTD % 2026 Budget
<i>JCPL Grants</i>							
Books & Materials - American Rescue Plan							
Books & Materials - State	140,462	134,124	116,214	150,000	(102,041)	(252,041)	-68%
Columbine Roof Repair - State	-	99,624	-	-	-	-	
Columbine Roof Repair - Federal	-	597,743	-	-	-	-	
Evergreen Roof Repair - State	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Evergreen Roof Repair - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Car Charging Station - Evergreen	16,500	1,984	-	-	-	-	
Car Charging Station - Columbine	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	
Car Charging Station - Standley Lake	-	-	27,000	-	-	-	
Car Charging Station - Lakewood	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	
Total JCPL Grants	156,962	833,475	203,214	150,000	(102,041)	(252,041)	
<i>JCPL Private Donations</i>							
Private Donations up to \$200		250	100	-	-	-	
Private Donations \$201-\$999			669	-	-	-	
Rena Fowler	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	
Colorado Gives - Naumer Family Fund EV Remodel	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Anonymous Donor	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	
JCLF - For Evergreen Library (Naming Rights)	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	
Colorado Gives - Hard Times Writing	-	24,509	-	-	-	-	
Colorado Gives - Early Care & Education	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	
El Pomar Foundation	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	
Total Private Donations	7,000	29,759	86,769	-	-	-	
<i>Other Funds Received</i>							
Payroll Funding - American Rescue Plan	856,591	-	-	-	-	-	
E-Rate Reimbursement	149,901	60,471	97,171	125,000	(22,500)	(147,500)	-18%
Laptop Lending	183,427	33,325	2,676	-	-	-	
Insurance Recovery - Evergreen Roof	-	-	117,581	-	439,176	439,176	
Stadium Funds - Imagination Library	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	
Stadium Funds - Young Authors	-	42,350	-	-	-	-	
Total Other Funds Received	1,189,918	186,146	217,428	125,000	416,676	291,676	333%
<i>Jefferson County Library Foundation</i>	127,180	141,576	102,614	100,000	64,711	(35,289)	65%
Total Jefferson County Library Foundation	127,180	141,576	102,614	100,000	64,711	(35,289)	65%
Total Grants, Funds & Donations	1,481,060	1,190,956	610,024	375,000	379,347	4,347	101%
Other Funds Received Outside of Library Fund							
Digital Equity - American Rescue Plan (FD181)	8,826	622,374	9,188	-	(916)	(916)	
Digital Equity - Rescue Plan (FD036)	-	-	-	50,078	6,587	(43,491)	

PJ1000621 Lakewood Restrooms through May 2026

Description	Correctly charged	Immaterial	Investigate	Make correction	Grand Total
Building Maintenance			3,812.00		3,812.00
SC534300 - Building Maintenance			1,186.00		1,186.00
SC534313 - Plumbing Maintenance			2,626.00		2,626.00
Construction	306,574.21				306,574.21
SC526121 - Janitorial Supplies	16,598.26				16,598.26
SC534150 - Water, Irrigation, & Sanitation Services	536.50				536.50
SC557281 - Building Construction & Design	289,439.45				289,439.45
Design	36,553.77				36,553.77
SC557281 - Building Construction & Design	36,553.77				36,553.77
Inventory Inaccessible		2,347.52		5,473.10	7,820.62
SC526121 - Janitorial Supplies		277.14			277.14
SC526137 - Office Supplies		81.10			81.10
SC526200 - General Supplies (Other)		130.85		1,563.51	1,694.36
SC526210 - Special Events Supplies		658.92			658.92
SC526935 - Office Equipment		1,143.55		2,961.59	4,105.14
SC526960 - Telephone & Network Equipment		55.96			55.96
SC534326 - Equipment Maintenance				948.00	948.00
Spill Response		159.98		31,560.00	31,719.98
SC526935 - Office Equipment		159.98		3,690.00	3,849.98
SC533090 - Professional & Technical Services (Other)				3,350.00	3,350.00
SC557250 - Building Improvements				24,520.00	24,520.00
Spill/Building Repair				122,532.95	122,532.95
SC526200 - General Supplies (Other)				6,026.82	6,026.82
SC557281 - Building Construction & Design				116,506.13	116,506.13
Spill/Container Rental		2,956.99		2,331.44	5,288.43
SC534420 - Equipment Rental		2,956.99		2,331.44	5,288.43
Spill/Printing		1,425.03		14,270.86	15,695.89
SC535130 - Printing Services		1,425.03		14,270.86	15,695.89
Spill/Replace Equipment		1,523.19		85,551.79	87,074.98
SC526134 - Furniture & Equipment - Non Capital				5,972.84	5,972.84
SC526200 - General Supplies (Other)				2,542.39	2,542.39
SC526210 - Special Events Supplies		149.00			149.00
SC526927 - Computer Parts & Supplies		417.00		5,745.00	6,162.00
SC526935 - Office Equipment		867.44		6,011.56	6,879.00
SC534326 - Equipment Maintenance				711.00	711.00
SC535130 - Printing Services		89.75			89.75
SC557440 - Computer Equipment (CAPITAL)				64,569.00	64,569.00
Spill/Supplies		1,051.46		1,182.46	2,233.92
SC526121 - Janitorial Supplies				1,182.46	1,182.46
SC526134 - Furniture & Equipment - Non Capital		328.00			328.00
SC526200 - General Supplies (Other)		89.99			89.99
SC526210 - Special Events Supplies		215.55			215.55
SC526390 - Food Supplies		255.96			255.96
SC526935 - Office Equipment		161.96			161.96
Grand Total	343,127.98	9,464.17	3,812.00	262,902.60	619,306.75

Detailed Revenue and Expenditure Report from Workday

	Actuals YTD Jun- 2026	Budget FY2026	Variance FY2026	YTD % Budget FY2026	YTD % Actual FY2025	YTD Estimated % Variance Jun-26
Revenue & Expenditures						
Total Revenue	63,468,597	65,886,285	2,417,688	96%	92%	4.80%
Total Expenditures	27,322,734	94,367,468	67,044,734	29%	57%	49.50%
Revenue Detail						
Property Tax	60,757,416	62,855,736	2,098,320	97%	97%	-0.49%
Intergovernmental Grants & Reimbursements	(124,541)	275,000	399,541	(45%)	(10%)	353.21%
Charges for Services	48,211	-	(48,211)		51%	NA
Investment Income	2,267,778	2,655,549	387,771	85%	41%	109.76%
Other Revenue	519,733	100,000	(419,733)	520%	21%	2416.58%
- Private Donations	64,711	100,000	35,289	65%	33%	96.60%
- Insurance Claim	439,176	-	(439,176)			NA
- Additional Other Revenue	15,845	-	(15,845)			NA
Total Revenues	63,468,597	65,886,285	2,417,688	96%	92%	4.80%
Expenditure Detail						
Operating Expenditures						
Salaries & Related Costs	14,075,325	27,850,467	13,775,142	51%	48%	-4.43%
- Salaries	10,416,722	20,208,531	9,791,809	52%	48%	-6.46%
- Awards & Bonuses	203,483	275,000	71,517	74%		NA
- Taxes & Benefits	3,658,603	7,641,936	3,983,333	48%	48%	0.97%
Supplies	3,991,876	7,569,564	3,577,688	53%	48%	-10.77%
- Book & Material Supplies	2,664,266	4,779,715	2,115,449	56%		NA
- Periodicals	117,463	229,000	111,537	51%		NA
- Other Supplies	1,210,147	2,560,849	1,350,702	47%		NA
Other Services & Charges	3,432,852	8,615,650	5,182,798	40%	51%	21.86%
Interdepartmental Expenditure	2,066,073	3,302,780	1,236,707	63%	63%	0.80%
- Interdepartmental Direct Charges	1,296,698	1,764,030	467,332	74%	76%	3.83%
- Treasurer's Fee	911,361	946,847	35,486	96%	97%	0.91%
- Interdepartmental Indirect Charges	769,375	1,538,750	769,375	50%	50%	0.00%
Total Operating Expenses	23,566,125	47,338,461	23,772,336	50%	49%	-2.43%
Capital Expenditures						
Capital Outlay	3,756,609	47,029,007	43,272,399	8%	79%	89.88%
- Building Design & Construction	2,741,370	39,842,287	37,100,917	7%		
- Book & Material Capital Expense	605,144	3,588,706	2,983,562	17%		
- Other Capital Expenses	410,095	3,598,014	3,187,919	11%		
Total Expenses	27,322,734	94,367,468	67,044,734	29%	57%	49.50%

Detailed Revenue and Expenditure Report from Workday

	Actuals <u>YTD Jun-</u> <u>2026</u>	Budget <u>FY2026</u>	Variance <u>FY2026</u>	<u>YTD %</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>FY2026</u>	<u>YTD %</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>FY2025</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Estimated %</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>Jun-26</u>
PJ1000519 Library ARM01 Bldg Mx Exp	122,902	325,000	202,098	38%	55%	30.64%
PJ1000520 Library ARM02 Copier & Equip Exp	-	40,500	40,500	-	100%	100.00%
PJ1000521 Library ARM03 T&I Operations	328,185	771,130	442,945	43%	64%	33.63%
PJ1000522 Library ARM03 T&I Services	-	357,870	357,870	-	-	NA
PJ1000524 Library ARM05 Infrastructure	78,628	130,000	51,372	60%	81%	24.87%
PJ1000525 Library ARM05 Network Security	-	230,000	230,000	-	100%	100.00%
Total Annual Repair and Maintenance	529,715	1,854,500	1,324,785	29%	57%	50.18%

Detailed Capital Project report from Workday
Approved Total Project Cost manually added due to data limitations

	Prior Year Actuals							YTD Actuals	Encumbrances		2026 Remaining Budget	Approved Total Project Cost	Remaining Project Budget
									Budget				
	FY2019	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Prior Year Total		Jun-26	FY2026			
PJ770034 Lib-Library Deer Creek Library	11,800	63,919	10,077	416	235,631	10,893,204	11,215,047	593,776	906,214	17,348,893	15,848,903	33,650,228	20,935,191
PJ1000168 Lib-Library Northwest Jefferson County Library	-	-	9,127	90,749	3,779,195	491,556	4,370,628	16,750	1,186,009	7,651,569	6,448,810	32,609,036	27,035,649
PJ1000309 Lib-Library Conifer Opportunity	-	-	-	-	139,810	2,217,227	2,357,038	(16,102)	-	-	16,102	2,500,400	159,464
PJ1000517 LIB-Arvada Library Redesign	-	-	-	-	143,348	927,018	1,070,367	2,046,062	125,692	13,825,415	11,653,660	14,895,781	11,653,660
PJ1000619 Library Refresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	509,532	-	750,000	240,468	750,000	240,468
PJ1000594 LIB-Evergreen Library Roof Repair / Replacement	-	-	-	-	29,460	117,581	147,041	155,734	-	1,023,959	868,226	1,023,959	721,185
PJ1000620 Admin Office Reconfiguration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,732	-	151,126	112,394	250,000	211,268
PJ1000621 Lib-Library Lakewood Restrooms	-	-	-	-	-	411,588	411,588	207,719	12,703	115,284	(105,138)	500,000	(132,010)
PJ1000739 Lib-Library Integrated Library System (ILS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750,000	1,750,000	3,500,000	3,500,000

Libraries & Inclusion and Communications & Engagement

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TO: Donna Walker, Executive Director

FROM: Cynthia Kiyotake, Chief Libraries and Inclusion Officer

DATE: July 16, 2026

RE: Wheat Ridge Library Services Update – Wheat Ridge Market Analysis

Background

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) has a project underway to evaluate and recommend library services for the Wheat Ridge Library. The project will clarify how the library system will deliver services in Wheat Ridge, guided by community priorities and long-term sustainability, to inform future decisions about access, partnerships and service delivery. As part of this work, JCPL has completed a market analysis for the Library Service Area (LSA) and an extensive community engagement campaign.

Market Analysis

This market analysis seeks to understand our current usage data, the current population and future growth rate, and basic demographics.

The Wheat Ridge LSA is geographically small with a high population density in much of the LSA. Data indicates that the Wheat Ridge Library is primarily used as a neighborhood library. Most users live close to the library, and usage is concentrated within the immediate service area. Although the City of Wheat Ridge population is forecasted to grow by approximately +20% through 2040, the Wheat Ridge Library Service Area population is only expected to grow by +6.5%, which is in line with and slightly lower than the predicted overall County growth of +6.7%.

Growth is expected outside the current library service area boundaries; the current library service area is almost fully developed. Any potential increased library usage will be primarily driven by increasing opportunities to access library services, and potential future demand from adjacent redevelopment areas.

Market Engagement

Market engagement calculates the Library's active reach throughout the community. It is the percentage of households in the Library Service Area that have at least one active library card. Wheat Ridge Library has a market engagement of 41.1%, which is slightly higher than the JCPL average.

Wheat Ridge Library usage and engagement continue to grow. The 2025 visits reaching a six-year high of 69,273 (+12% over 2024).

Next Steps

The market analysis helps to create a snapshot of who is currently using library services and what opportunities might exist for increasing library use by identifying future needs through current trends. JCPL completed our community engagement simultaneously with our market analysis. This combined process sets a solid foundation for our additional phases of work.

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A full market analysis will be presented to the Board at the July 16 regular meeting for trustee input and discussion. All insights will be aggregated and used to inform our service recommendations.

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TO: Donna Walker, Executive Director

FROM: Elise Penington, Director of Communications and Engagement

DATE: July 16, 2026

RE: Wheat Ridge Library Services Community Engagement Report Summary

The Wheat Ridge Library Services Project provides JCPL with the opportunity to evaluate new or different opportunities and approaches to providing library services in the Wheat Ridge community. The Wheat Ridge Library is included in the 2022 Facilities Master Plan as a needs-based priority in the central region of JCPL's service area.

JCPL retained a local firm, Clermont Eliot, to partner with our staff on the facilitated community engagement portion of this project which took place March through June 2026. Along with attendance at five community and neighborhood events, an in-library feedback activity and a staff engagement session, JCPL offered community surveys in Spanish and English, with both paper and online versions available. The team widely publicized opportunities for community engagement, resulting in more than 1,000 feedback participants.

In addition, the JCPL leadership team interviewed community partners, including elected officials, community leaders and other influencers. These combined efforts helped JCPL gain a comprehensive understanding of the Wheat Ridge community's needs and expectations for library services.

Clermont Eliot used the information gathered to create a comprehensive Community Engagement Report Summary for Wheat Ridge Library Services. The high-level insights from this report will be presented to the Board at the July 16 Board of Trustees meeting.

As a formal project deliverable, this report is intended to capture community feedback for JCPL leadership and to engage our Library Trustees in a discussion about community engagement outcomes.



WHEAT RIDGE LIBRARY

INFORMING THE FUTURE OF LIBRARY SERVICES

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2026, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) engaged the Wheat Ridge community to understand how the Library is serving residents today and discover community priorities for future services. Through robust community engagement that included in-person activations, a survey and a staff input session we listened to more than 1,000 voices across Wheat Ridge and the surrounding area.

The result is a clear picture of a library that residents genuinely value—and in some ways that's ready for more. This report presents what we heard from the community, what the data shows and what it means for the future of Wheat Ridge Library.

The Wheat Ridge Library holds a distinctive place in JCPL's system: it functions as a true neighborhood library, where proximity matters and the relationship between staff and patrons is personal.



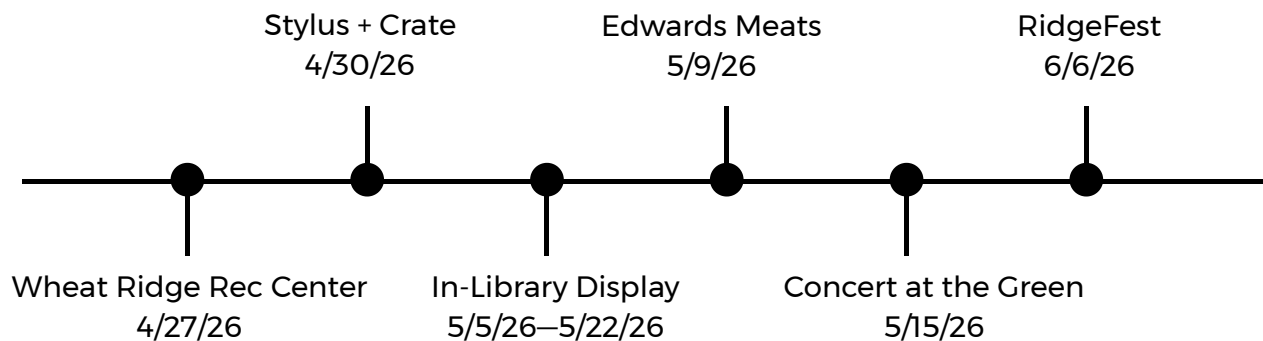
Community engagement was conducted to evaluate how well the current Wheat Ridge Library location and services meet community needs, identify desired library amenities and space priorities, and gather data to inform future facility and service decisions. With this in mind the community engagement process looked to answer the following questions:

1. Is the Wheat Ridge Library delivering on what this community needs?
2. Who's using the Library, who's not and where are they going instead?
3. What does the community think of the Library's current location?
4. If the Library could do more, what would the community ask for first?

METHODOLOGY

An English-language survey instrument was created jointly by Clermont Eliot and JCPL. The finalized instrument was translated to Spanish by JCPL. Surveys in both languages were then deployed online 4/13–5/22, with printed versions also available from JCPL. This mode was intended for broad audience reach. It contained multiple choice, ranking and open response questions.

Five (5) community activation events and a Wheat Ridge Library-specific activation were designed to capture qualitative insights. These events were executed by Clermont Eliot with support by JCPL staff, including language access support, on the following timeline:



To understand the Library from the inside out Clermont Eliot facilitated a listening session with 80% of staff participating in early April. This focused on how they serve patrons within the space and programming constraints.

For additional depth, community engagement included key interviews with 15 community leaders completed in 2025–2026 by JCPL staff and incorporated into the comprehensive dataset.

706

Survey Respondents

313

Community Activation
Respondents

*Includes WR Library activation

15

1:1 Interviews with
Community Leaders



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

KEY FINDING: AWARENESS GAP

“Where is the Wheat Ridge Library, exactly?”

Awareness, not satisfaction, is the first theme this data surfaces. Among community activation participants who named a current library:

24%

named Wheat Ridge as
their current library

76%

named another
JCPL location or
neighboring system
instead

36%

of all event contacts had
never been or didn't
know enough about the
location to describe it

KEY FINDING: CONSTRAINTS VS. COMFORT

Size is a two-way street

Space was the single most-cited barrier in the survey. Yet even as they're asking it to do more, a small footprint produces an atmosphere some patrons value:

44%

of survey responses
about barriers to visiting
cited “too small or
crowded”

40%

identified “Gathering
space” as something
needing improvement

*only item where dissatisfaction
was higher than satisfaction

~50%

activation participants who
mentioned size framed it
positively



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

KEY FINDING: NO CLEAR PRIORITY IN LIBRARY FEATURES

More is better, but not substantially so

Asked what would bring them back more often, residents spread their feedback across a wide menu of selections, rather than rallying around one or two:

38%

of survey respondents
said a “library of things”
would encourage more
visits

*no item surveyed > 50%

94%

of library aspects received
more “Meets
Expectations” ratings than
“Needs Improvement”
ratings on survey

98%

of survey respondents
said space for physical
materials is a priority

KEY FINDING: STAFF IS THE SPECIAL SAUCE

“Tiny but mighty makes interactions more personal.” (*WR Staff Session*)

One finding crosses every engagement method without contradiction. People return to the Wheat Ridge Library because of the connection and environment cultivated by the staff:

95%

of survey respondents
said staff helpfulness
“Meets Expectations”

Top 3

experiences that survey
respondents rated as
“Meets Expectations”
were related to staff

20%

community conversations
praised staff, without
prompting





FOCUSED FINDINGS



This report provides an analysis of findings of how Wheat Ridge residents perceive and use their library, where they are satisfied and where they aren't, and what quieter signals in the data add to louder ones.

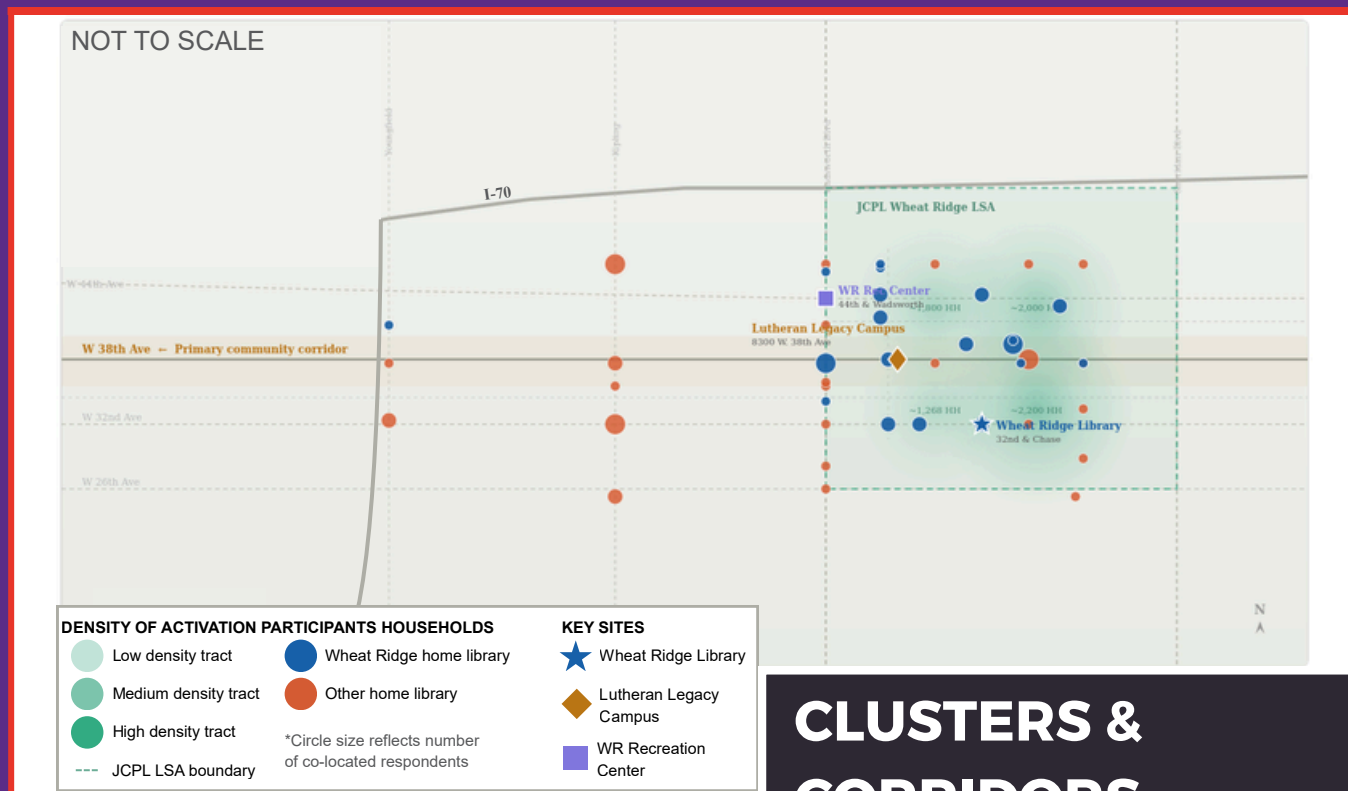
Perceptions, usage behaviors, satisfaction with programming and spaces and location input was gathered across community engagement modes. This analysis summarizes the core findings for each topic.

As question formats varied between feedback modes, stated percentages and ratios are based on total responses obtained for a specific mode and/or question.

Complete data sets are provided as appendices to this report.



DEMOGRAPHICS



CLUSTERS & CORRIDORS

Individuals engaged at community activations were asked to provide the nearest cross-streets of where they live. This map charts concentrations of responses based on those who identified Wheat Ridge as their current library, and those who use a different library.

TOP ZIP CODES

Survey only

53% 80033 (Wheat Ridge Library ZIP)

19% 80212

11% 80214

SURVEY

94% Visited Wheat Ridge Library

53 Median Age

COMMUNITY ACTIVATIONS

24% Visited Wheat Ridge Library

38 Median Age

Wheat Ridge 2024 American Community Survey
Median Age: 42



PERCEPTIONS OF WHEAT RIDGE LIBRARY



Staff helpfulness was
the Library's highest-
rated feature



Respondents say
gathering space needs
improvement

"We love our little library, but the size and hours often push us to go to a different location."

The top five aspects of the Wheat Ridge Library that meet expectations include **staff helpfulness** (95%), welcoming environment (89%), ease of finding materials (86%), location and access (84%) and parking availability (83%). Conversely, the aspects most cited as needing improvement in the survey were **gathering space** (40%), Children's Area (26%), materials such as books and movies (25%), clean and comfortable furniture (23%) and open hours (21%). This data pattern suggests it's a library to swing by rather than linger.

"Space feels too small or crowded" was the most-cited barrier (17%) to more frequent visits. Limited collection (15%) and inconvenient hours (14%) were the other commonly identified barriers preventing more frequent visits.

The Library's small footprint isn't experienced only as a limitation. Among community activation participants who had visited the Library, roughly 50% described the atmosphere the space produces as "cozy," "convenient" and "quaint." Each came up multiple times. Patrons like what the space feels like, even as they're asking it to do more than its current size allows.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INTERVIEWS

In 2025–26 one-on-one interviews with elected officials, municipal leaders and community partners, two themes stood out: strong, consistent support for maintaining library services in Wheat Ridge, paired with a shared perception that the current facility doesn't meet community needs. Several partners noted residents travel to other locations for space and resources the existing library can't provide. There is a strong desire to commit to a path forward.



HOW THE LIBRARY IS (OR ISN'T) USED

SURVEY SAYS...



Borrow items

92%



Get help from staff

77%



Borrow digital items

54%



Use public computers, copiers or printers **39%**

ALSO REPORTED:

WiFi — **30%**

Attend a program — **29%**

Story Time/activities — **29%**

Read papers/magazines — **28%**

Study or work remotely — **24%**

Meet people — **18%**

Use Children's Area computers — **14%**

SURVEY

(open-ended responses)

~50% reference accessing collection

25% describe quick check out/return

20% describe "work/study/browse"

COMMUNITY ACTIVATIONS

"Borrow Things"

rated the most important use

"Work, Study or Read"

rated the second-most important use

TOP MENTIONS

Community activations

(open-ended responses)

#1

Access to physical
collections

#2

Kids, family & youth
programs/materials

#3

Computers & technology



USER SATISFACTION



"I love this branch and have been coming here for years with my family."

MEETS EXPECTATIONS

94%

aspects of the Wheat Ridge Library that received more "Meets Expectations" ratings than "Needs Improvement" from survey respondents

Gathering space

only aspect where "Needs Improvement" was top response by survey respondents

LEAST FAMILIAR ASPECTS

Percent of "No Opinion" responses on survey

56% Holds Locker

45% Accessibility for disabilities

40% Programs and events

Overall sentiment was strongly positive: 90% of community activation participants who offered a description of the Wheat Ridge Library used positive or neutral terms, as did 73% of open-ended responses on the survey. Of the 48 survey comments with negative sentiment, most cited the Library's small size, space, building and overall property aesthetics.



COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES



38%

of survey respondents
said access to a
“library of things”
would make them visit
more often

~66%

ratio of activation
participants who said
location matters
more than inventory

**“I love a library if it has everything I want.
If it's close, it's the greatest place on earth.”**

When asked what would encourage them to visit more often, survey respondents most frequently selected access to a “library of things” (38%), more books and physical materials (33%), opportunities to learn new skills or make things (32%), convenient hours (31%) and more adult programs and classes (31%). The top two priorities point to physical collections; two of the next three point to expanded programming.

Open-ended responses converged on a smaller, more specific set of ideas: dedicated focus and Study Rooms, comfortable seating and lounging layouts, expanded physical materials and adult skill-building or learning programs. These themes sharpen the ranked list above into something closer to a design brief than a wish list.

Approximately 66% of activation participants ranked location over inventory. Still, some said they'd travel further for programming or collections that felt genuinely relevant to them.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INTERVIEWS

One-on-one interviews with elected officials and community partners in 2025–26 also surfaced three strategic threads: the Library's current lease carries favorable lease terms for JCPL, but mixed views exist on staying in this location; relocation opportunities (Lutheran Legacy Campus) were raised as a way to anchor broader development; narrowing window to align the Library and partner organizations' timelines to capture these opportunities.



SPACES



44%

of survey
respondents said the
Library feels too
small or crowded

40%

survey respondents
said “Limited
collection or
materials” is a barrier

**“I honestly go to Lakewood library
more because the kids area is bigger.”**

Space was a consistent theme across all feedback collected. Gathering space was the only feature in the survey where the number of “Needs Improvement” ratings (40%) exceeded the number of “Meets Expectations” ratings (33%).

Study Rooms were named at every community activation site, by staff and in open-ended survey responses. The Library’s Children’s Area drew the second-highest amount of “Needs Improvement” responses. Multiple families cited larger Children’s Areas at Lakewood and Belmar Libraries as the reason they go elsewhere. Natural lighting, flexible seating and a dedicated Teen Area were also named as desired spaces across multiple channels.

Among activation participants, “Work, study and read,” and “Discover, play and create,” were seen as higher priorities than generally “Gathering with others.” Similarly, “Meeting Rooms” received the highest amount of “Not Important” ratings by survey respondents. No Meeting Room exists at Wheat Ridge Library.

Space for books and physical materials remained a top priority. Survey respondents rated it as the second highest factor that would encourage them to visit the Library more, and materials in general tied with “Welcoming Environment” as the most important aspects of a library.

DESIRED SPACES

(Top unprompted mentions)

- Study Rooms
- Children’s Area
- Computers & technology

**“My kids had a BLAST at the fort-building evening
— would love more creative programming”**



LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY



Drive

most common way
survey respondents
get to the Library

20%

survey respondents
say open hours
need improvement

“Being near Panorama Park creates a community feel for many young families.”

Driving was the most common way survey respondents reported getting to the Library (80%), with walking (34%) and bicycle/e-bike/scooter (18%) being the other most common transportation modes. Parking availability was also rated a top-five “Meets Expectations” item by respondents.

Community activation participants, who were more likely to be potential or lapsed library users, rated “Within walking or cycling distance” and “Near other places I often visit” as the two most important access factors if they were to visit a library. The 38th Avenue Corridor, and Wadsworth corridor to a lesser degree, were the most common areas participants said they often went when out and about in Wheat Ridge.

Open hours were the third most-cited barrier to visiting the Library among survey respondents (37%). However, 73% of respondents also said current hours meet expectations. Friday closures were referenced specifically in open-ended responses and community conversations mentioned working families and school-age patrons’ may have limited availability during current open hours.

LUTHERAN LEGACY CAMPUS

Neither the survey nor community activations asked about potential new locations for the Wheat Ridge Library. However, the Lutheran Legacy Campus was mentioned, unprompted, a total of 26 times across all modes. Its centrality, civic co-location and proximity to places residents already go were noted as possibly encouraging more library use.



STAFF: THE KEY INGREDIENT



95%

of survey
respondents said
staff helpfulness
meets expectations

This was the highest-rated aspect of the Library in the survey + 20% community activation participants gave this feedback unprompted

“Your staff are your greatest resource.”

Across every engagement channel, respondents consistently pointed to a single factor that influenced their patronage of the Wheat Ridge Library: the staff.

“Staff helpfulness,” “Welcoming environment” and “Ease of finding materials” are three aspects of the Wheat Ridge Library that are entirely or significantly influenced by staff. They also received the most “Meets Expectations” votes from survey respondents. Community activation participants who identified other locations as their main library still named Wheat Ridge staff as a differentiator when describing the location. In open-ended survey responses, 31 people praised staff unprompted. It was among the most frequent unprompted themes in the datasets.

Staff prompt: Without space constraints, what would improve staff workflow?

“More collection highlights / top picks / lucky day / features; All spaces [accessible]”

This patron-focused mentality also came through during the **staff feedback session**. While staff noted several aspects related to their work experience (no dedicated staff bathroom and challenges posed by the shared Seniors Resource Center space), responses largely focused more on what would enhance the patron experience.



APPENDICES

Supporting materials and research information



These appendices contain important **supporting materials** that enhance the understanding of and add context to the Wheat Ridge Library community engagement report. Inside, you'll find detailed references, including community survey and community activation response data that provide clarity and context for the engagement strategies implemented in Spring 2026. The results and outcomes were jointly tabulated by JCPL and Clermont Eliot.

SUPPORTING METHODS AND SOURCES

Community Survey — Instrument & Data Tables



FINAL

Wheat Ridge Library Community Survey

About This Survey

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) is seeking community input to help guide planning for the future of library services in Wheat Ridge. The feedback collected in this survey will help us better understand how residents currently use the library and what services, spaces and resources would best serve the community in the years ahead.

The current Wheat Ridge Library is a neighborhood location serving residents of Wheat Ridge and nearby communities. As the area evolves and community needs change, JCPL is exploring ways to ensure library spaces and services continue to support residents of all ages and those with different needs.

Your responses will help inform planning decisions about future library spaces, programs, and services. The survey takes approximately 8–10 minutes to complete.

Participation is voluntary and JCPL will share the survey results in aggregate in our final community engagement report.

About You and Your Library Use

1. What do you typically do when you visit a library?

2. What word(s) would you use to describe what a library means to you?

3. Complete this statement: *When I visit a library, I want to feel like I'm in a place that...*

Your Experiences with Library Services

4. Have you visited the Wheat Ridge Library (32nd & Chase)?

- Yes
- No (skip to Q8)

5. Please rate your experience with the following Wheat Ridge Library services or features.

	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	No Opinion
Staff helpfulness			
Computer access			
Wireless internet access			

Programs and events			
Materials (books, movies, music, etc)			
Welcoming environment			
Children's area			
Holds locker			
Gathering space			
Noise level			
Clean and comfortable furniture			
Ease of finding materials			
Open hours			
Location and ease of access			
Safety and comfort			
Parking availability			
Accessibility for those with disabilities			
Other (please specify below)			

Other:

6. Please let us know how important the following services or features are to you.

	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Staff helpfulness			
Computer access			
Wireless internet access			
Programs and events			
Materials (books, movies, music, etc)			
Welcoming environment			
Children's area			
Holds locker			
Gathering space			

Meeting rooms			
Quiet spaces for reading or working independently			
Clean and comfortable seating			
Accessible restrooms			
Convenient open hours			
Location and proximity to home			
Safety and comfort			
Parking availability			
Accessibility for people with disabilities			
Other (please specify below)			

Other:

How You Use the Library

7. Which of the following activities, if any, have you done at the Wheat Ridge Library?

Please check all that apply.

- Borrow items (books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines)
- Borrow digital items (books, magazines, music, video, streaming)
- Use public computers, copiers or printers
- Use wireless internet
- Use the computers in the children's area
- Get help from staff
- Bring children for Story Time or activities
- Attend a program
- Use to study or work remotely
- Meet people, including friends or neighbors
- Sit and read newspapers or magazines
- Other (please specify)

Barriers to Visiting the Library

8. Which of the following things, if any, have prevented you or might prevent you from visiting the Wheat Ridge Library?

Please check up to 5 that affect you the most.

- Inconvenient hours
- Location is difficult to access
- Limited parking
- Library space feels too small or crowded

- Limited seating or study space
- Limited collection or materials
- Noise level
- Limited programming space
- Lack of meeting rooms
- Accessibility challenges (mobility, restrooms, etc.)
- I use online resources instead
- I prefer another library location
- Safety concerns
- Transportation challenges
- Other (please specify)

What Would Encourage You to Visit More Often

9. Which of the following would encourage you to visit the Wheat Ridge Library more often?

Please select up to 5.

- Convenient hours
- Easy parking
- EV charging station(s)
- Safe and welcoming spaces
- More quiet study or reading spaces
- Sensory area
- More meeting or community gathering space
- Dedicated space for teens
- More kids' programs
- Programs for teens
- More adult programs and classes
- More programs for older adults
- More programs for families
- Opportunities to learn new skills, create or make things
- Access to computers, printers, copiers, scanners
- More books and physical materials
- Technology support and digital literacy help
- Co-working or flexible workspaces
- Access a "library of things" (outdoor equipment, hand tools, games, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

Other:

Library Spaces and Services

10. What kinds of spaces would you most like to see in current or future JCPL library locations?

11. What services or resources would be most helpful for helping you reach your personal, educational, or work goals?

12. Is there anything else you would like us to consider as we plan for the future of library services in Wheat Ridge?

Getting to the Library

13. How do you typically travel to the library?

Check all that apply.

- Walk
- Bicycle/E-bike/Scooter
- Drive
- Public transportation
- Ride with someone else
- Other (please specify)

About You

Do you currently have a library card?

- Yes
- No

How often do you use the library?

- 3 times a year or less
- 4–11 times a year
- About once a month
- About once a week
- More than once a week

Please select your age range:

- 12 or under
- 13–15
- 16–18
- 19–29
- 30–45
- 46–60
- 61–75
- 76 or over

What zip code do you live in?

How did you hear about the survey?

- Library website
- Library staff
- Email newsletter
- Social media
- Community event
- Flyer or poster
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

Wheat Ridge Library 2026 Survey Results

Demographics: By ZIP Code

ZIP CODE	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total
80033	292	53%
80212	103	19%
80214	59	11%
80215	14	3%
80204	6	1%
80003	6	1%
80002	5	1%
80026	5	1%
80401	5	1%

Other ZIP CODES listed with less than 1% of responses: 80004, 80005, 80010, 80030, 80031, 80099, 80123, 80127, 80128, 80203, 80205, 80221, 80222, 80228, 80230, 80232, 80260, 80403, 80439, 80465

Demographics: By Age

Age Range	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total
12 or under	2	Less than 1%
16-18	1	Less than 1%
19-29	20	4%
30-45	208	37%
46-60	109	19%
61-75	165	29%
76 or over	58	10%

Demographics: Have A Library Card

Have a library card?	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total
No	4	1%
Yes	571	99%

Demographics: Visited the Wheat Ridge Library

Visited the Wheat Ridge Library?	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total
No	36	6%
Yes	599	94%

Demographics: Frequency of Library Use

Frequency of Use	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total
3 times a year or less	38	6%
4-11 times a year	121	21%
About once a month	203	35%
About once a week	167	28%
More than once a week	58	10%

Q5: Please rate your experience with the following Wheat Ridge Library services or features

Service or Feature	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	No Opinion	Total
Staff helpfulness	548	11	19	578
Computer access	338	74	164	576
Programs and events	233	110	225	568
Materials (books, movies, music, etc.)	411	143	21	575
Welcoming environment	510	57	9	576
Children's area	204	146	222	572
Holds locker	226	23	311	560
Gathering space	184	225	157	566
Noise level	465	56	57	578
Clean and comfortable furniture	368	136	77	581
Ease of finding materials	503	54	27	584
Open hours	422	119	36	577
Location and ease of access	481	78	15	574
Safety and comfort	469	69	35	573
Parking availability	478	79	21	578
Accessibility for those with disabilities	261	52	261	574

Q6: Please let us know how important the following services or features are to you

Service or Feature	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Total
Staff helpfulness	525	3	10	538
Computer access	328	132	72	532
Wireless internet access	383	92	57	532
Programs and events	357	64	111	532
Materials (books, movies, music, etc.)	531	5	6	542
Welcoming environment	531	7	5	543
Children's area	353	51	126	530
Holds locker	220	127	180	527
Gathering space	342	99	95	536
Meeting rooms	230	149	146	525
Clean and comfortable seating	494	16	30	540
Accessible restrooms	420	19	91	530
Convenient open hours	513	12	12	537
Location and proximity to home	490	28	25	543
Safety and comfort	524	1	14	539
Parking availability	446	56	35	537
Accessibility for those with disabilities	386	22	124	532

Q7: Which of the following activities, if any, have you done at the Wheat Ridge Library (check all that apply)

Activity	Number of Responses
Borrow items	528
Borrow digital items	311
Use public computers, copiers or printers	225
Use wireless internet	170
Use the computers in the children's area	78
Get help from staff	443
Bring children for Story Time or activities	165
Attend a program	165
Use to study or work remotely	138
Meet people	103
Sit and read newspapers or magazines	161

Q8: Which of the following things, if any, have prevented you or might prevent you from visiting the Wheat Ridge Library (check up to 5 that affect you the most)

Barriers	Number of Responses
Inconvenient hours	159
Location is difficult to access	28
Limited parking	67
Library space feels too small or crowded	193
Limited seating for study space	115
Limited collection of materials	0
Noise level	38
Limited programming space	48
Lack of meeting rooms	62
Accessibility challenges	15
I use online resources instead	67
I prefer another library location	115
Safety concerns	34
Transportation challenges	13

Q9: Which of the following would encourage you to visit the Wheat Ridge Library more often (select up to 5)

Aspect	Number of Responses
Convenient hours	190
Easy parking	92
EV charging station(s)	25
Safe and welcoming spaces	82
More quiet study or reading spaces	122
Sensory area	25
More meeting or community gathering space	97
Dedicated space for teens	30
More kids programs	105
Programs for teens	28
More adult programs and classes	189
More programs for older adults	103
More programs for families	70
Opportunities to learn new skills, create or make things	195
Access to computers, printers, copiers, scanners	87
More books and physical materials	203
Technology support and digital literacy help	47
Co-working or flexible workspaces	107
Access a "library of things" (outdoor equipment, hand tools, games, etc.)	232

Q13: How do you typically travel to the library (select all that apply)

Transportation Mode	Number of Responses
Walk	200
Bicycle/E-bike/Scooter	108
Drive	480
Public transportation	20
Ride with someone else	16

Results of open response questions, in which respondents provided short answers, have not been included here in order to reduce document length. Full responses to these questions can be provided by JCPL upon request.

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JCPL Wheat Ridge Public Outreach Activation Questionnaire

(Target Completion Time: 5 minutes or less)

AGE:

CURRENT LIBRARY (IF ANY):

ADDRESS (OR NEAREST MAIN CROSS STREETS):

1. How would you describe the Wheat Ridge Library to someone who just moved into the community?
2. What would you say you find most useful about the Wheat Ridge Library, or if you don't visit that library in particular, what do you find most useful about libraries in general?
3. In addition to those things you just mentioned, what might be one or two other things—spaces, services, programs—that you might take advantage of at a local library?
4. What areas of Wheat Ridge do you most frequently visit?
5. How does the importance of a library's physical location compare to the ability to easily find the books, spaces, and services that are most relevant to you?

Community Activation Questionnaire Responses

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4/27/26)

Participants	Age(s)	Current Library	Nearest Cross Streets	Question 1: Describe WR Library	Question 2: Most Useful / General Value	Question 3: Future Spaces / Programs	Question 4: Frequently Visited Areas of WR	Question 5: Library Physical Location vs Relevance
1	74	Lakewood	20th & Longery	Haven't been, but always went to Denver Libraries when living over there	Materials: books, movies, lucky day	Programs for seniors, computer literacy	Off of 32nd (near library) / Parks and open space	Important to have nearby, driving is a hassle
2	35, 33	Edgewater	26th & Wadsworth	Don't know	App, holds	Mostly books, printing	Gold's, over here by rec center	I like to walk / I like to be able to find what I need
1	75	Wheat Ridge	[no response]	Small, very edge of town	Checking out books, access to tech	Gathering Space: small conference, larger meeting space; central to community	Rec center, 38 & Wadsworth corridor	Co-located w/ other civic locations; Lutheran
2	43, 4	Lakewood / Arvada	34th & Kipling	I couldn't	Kids activities, family section, home school	Quiet space	38th & Wadsworth	Location isn't super important, willing to travel
1	60	Arvada	58th & Kipling	[no response]	Get books and sources of credible info	Meeting spaces and ability to book well in advance	Rec center / center area	Location not as important, 10-15 minute drive as I mostly use online services
1	63	Belmar	Ohio & Alameda	Don't know of it	Kids section, I take my grandkids	Programs for seniors and citizenship	At Wadsworth	Important that it's close; will drive 20 minutes if it has good things for kids

2	14, 13	Lakewood	Applewood	Awesome and go get a million books, don't feel bad asking for help	Fast and easy checkout of stocks of books	Kids area, teen area, times for homework help, programs, book backup, Summer programs	Mostly just the rec center	Love it if it has everything I want, I'll love it. If it's close it is the greatest place on earth
1	73	Lakewood	32nd & Youngfield	[no response]	Going up w/ grandkids. Pick out books, movies, programming	3 yr. old tumbling / Kitchen	Rec Center and by Youngfield	Finding things helps
1	70	Lakewood	44th & Wadsworth	[no response]	Study rooms and Meeting Rooms (JCPL), Online periodicals	Activate spaces, Meeting spaces (25 ppl capacity), Digital, Reading spaces for kids	Rec Center or parks / Crown Hill / Anderson	Destination library is a nice thing
2	56, 35	Lakewood	Colfax & Oak / 38th & Pierce	"My library is a cute little library", Pretty small, Friendly +1	Go once a week, everyone at Wheat Ridge is very nice. Copies, HOLDS, My husband likes to reserve books & pickup, Good for kids +1	Learning to check out / find books / Computers, School / Academic space, "I love doing stuff online at library... they email me!!"	Rec Center, Safeway (38th/Wadsworth), or 44th/Wadsworth or Walmart	Convenience of neighborhood library, Location
1	50	Denver Woodbury	[no response]	[no response]	Books-order online (20 years or so), Online research / periodicals, Access for free	Quiet nooks, Spaces for everyone	Rocky Mnt Vet / coach swim	Convenience of Location, Connectivity w/ Libraries +1

1	12	Wheat Ridge	41st & Vance	Respectful / Quiet / Staff helps	Staff / people	Open spaces / good collection in stacks	38th & Wadsworth, 38th & Kipling, Wheat Ridge Rec, The Green on 38th	Location / Layout! Easy to recognize where things are, community feel / vibe
2	36, 4	Wheat Ridge	35th & Everett	Outdated, carpeted, intimate space	Librarians / collection, Animal Books	Storytime & family time, Emails re: Earth Day / Dino Party, Belmar Family Area and dividers = Activated Spaces +1	38th corridor / Stylus Crate	Location is important; parents w/ kids meet up there!
1	45	[no response]	35th & Parfet	[no response]	Collections, Fiction	Quiet nooks, communal spaces	Kipling - 38th/Wadsworth	Finding what you want when you get there
1	32	[no response]	20th & Kipling	[no response]	Helpful staff, rave books	Big Open	Rec Center / Kipling	Ability / convenience of finding what I need
1	33	Edgewater	22nd & Ames	I don't know, it's there	Services	Working / quiet	Sloan's Lake, Rec Cent.	Physical location - don't have a reason to go
2	45, 10	Arvada	44th & Pierce	Small but good children's section, staff	EBooks / Autobiography, Staff is super helpful	Chapter books	Rec Center, Discovery Park	Services / spaces
1	28	Wheat Ridge	33rd & Marshall	Nice / Resources / Spice Club	Printing one off, Community space, elder programs, connections	Computer lab settings, children area, outdoor parking (we walk because we're close)	Crown Hill Park, Paramount, 38th (coffee)	Location - walking 1-2 miles

3	2, 7, 49	Lakewood	Kipling & Colfax	Have to google	Kids program, Bilingual Story time	Audiobooks is on my list, Computers - gaming play area	Rec Center, Business Area, Youngfield / 32nd	Aisles - I know where it is! Ability to easily find, established & has what I need
1	72	Wheat Ridge	41st & Zephyr	Good library. I've gone to events there. Movie selection is excellent. Staff is helpful	Research librarians is really useful, Help navigating things	Facilitated events - need event room, Comfy seating w/ less traffic	Rec Center / Sprouts, Kipling / Costco, Crown Hill Park, restaurants, P.O. Wheat Ridge at Youngfield	Ability to easily find books - use online services (*Waiting lists are often long)
1	60	Berkeley Denver	44th & Wadsworth	[no response]	Periodically, my wife & kids study there, storytime when little	Meeting spot, onsite navigator	Rec Center, Anderson Park	[no response]
1	12	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Chase	Easily calm environment to read and get away - Weekends!	Environment is great. YA / Teen Selection, I like the selection, it was really easy I told them the book, two weeks... they got it	People reaching and low-volume: social. I've read a lot more books living close	Rec Center - swimming; Library; Parks	Location; Most of the time I'm not sure what I'm looking for... I just find
1	35	Standley Lake	64th & Quaker	[no response]	Book Collection - Diary / Fiction, We go through a lot of books, Programming - Summer series	Sit down and read the newest in series, Destination	Rec Center	Ability to easily find what we're looking for, like SILKS!

Stylus + Crate (4/30/26)

Participants	Age(s)	Current Library	Nearest Cross Streets	Question 1: Describe WR Library	Question 2: Most Useful / General Value	Question 3: Future Spaces / Programs	Question 4: Frequently Visited Areas of WR	Question 5: Library Physical Location vs Relevance
1	48	Denver Library	Montview & Newport	Hidden Gem	Programming collabs w/ Parks/Rec / Staff are helpful / Printers / Bookdrop	Innovative events w/ coffee options / Author Talks / Events for Bookclub / Quiet reading w/ comfy furniture	Rec Center, Civic Center Campus at Lutheran	Location w/ easy parking / It is a connector and is connected to community assets
1	24	[no response]	[no response]	I would say it is a library with different kinds of book to explore.	If the library offers a private room to read a book / Also a headset which link to the book where it reads for you.	I would want some space for spending time / I would suggest to encourage younger children to the library / A service to public event where people can gather about the book they are interested in	Not local but plan to move here !!!	I would say if the library's location is around the spot where there is an outreach community could attract more people to join. Moreover having a location where public transportation is accessible is good as people from anywhere can come.

1	30	[no response]	[no response]	[no response]	Provide varieties of books. Shared working space or private working group space that people can reserve or go there and use it.	I think if we have a biweekly workshop that would be good, it can be drawing or hand craft workshop.	[no response]	I think it is very important because in these days people spend more time working from home, sometime they might want to work somewhere else that is close to their place, convenient and less travel time. If that library is far from you they might not go there.
2	76, 80	Denver Public Library / Wheat Ridge	[no response]	Quaint & cute / Little building behind Senior Resource Center "follow the signs"	Collections - I used the card catalogue / Old card catalogue w/ QR codes	Wheat Ridge Library! Accessibility - free books, periodicals, research / Physical access w/ ramps, wider / I like comfort. I like the tactile nature of books.	Move to Lutheran! / Active Adult Center / 35th & Marshall / 38th & Wads / It's an asset.	Ability to find what I want when I need it. Location - I go a lot and gas costs a lot!
1	85	Lakewood	38th & Kipling	N/A	Computer TA; current magazines (previously) / LARGE PRINT BOOKS, Audio Books / Hold books - "I have a backlog a mile long"	A reader device so I can see it (for visually impaired) / Headphones or booth for audio book accessibility / (Art League) Artist slides - like in Boulder (Denver Library has rotating artist gallery)	Art Center / Sprouts / King Soopers / Lowes / Lakewood Library	Both - Nothing nicer than finding a good space to read and easily getting in / out.

1	65	Wheat Ridge	41st & Dover	A very small library. Cozy. Great service	Books pickup. / Librarians' willingness to help, book recs, etc. / Databases - Ancestry, etc.	Programs like book clubs, resources and trainings. / Technology support. IT for Library / Quiet spaces where I can read, meeting rooms (calm, etc.)	41st/Dover / all over Wheat Ridge / A lot of space @ Wheat Ridge / Not private / Noisy w/ kids / Computer space	Find books services most relevant
2	61, 63	Golden	[no response]	[no response]	Books, research, real estate / Fiction (libby app)	Spaces / services; use it to do talks, meeting rooms, maybe up to supplemental capacity / Projection screen.	UPS / Business Center	Location - parking
1	60	Wheat Ridge	38th & Marshall	Warm, friendly, tiny	Librarians - so helpful / Printers	"Lucky Finds" / "Suggested Readings"	Stylus Crate / Belmar / MORE! Arvada Library & Stanley Lake are bigger.	Both. It's easy to go to other branches.
1	35	[no response]	38th & Wadsworth	[no response]	Being able to find what I'm looking for very easily	Jazz / Live music events on weekends / Video game tournaments (older consoles); have coffee sponsors	38th & Wadsworth	Within a 5 minute drive. If it was about events I'd be willing to drive further
1	41	Aurora	Havana & Parker Road	Never Been	Language learning online resources	Family Place, Storytimes, Family Centers / 38th Corridor	38th Corridor	Direct public transportation. Good for others to get to.
1	30	[no response]	[no response]	I wouldn't be able to give particular details. I am not local.	Libraries are great places for communities. They provide nice place to read & study	I would use all of the above if they were convenient / The thing is the inconvenience of driving 30+ min.	I am not local	I prefer the physical location to be easy to access. Next would be services, spaces, books in that order.

1	29	Denver Public Library	11th & Corona	[no response]	Books, open feel, lots of sun, community resources, outdoor / outdoor area to hang	Open nice space to work / Craft workshops, financial workshops, open conference rooms.	38th & Wadsworth	If very out of the way I won't go. If facilities are nice it doesn't have to be huge.
1	32	Arvada Express	52nd & Ward	[no response]	Rent most up-to-date books & DVDs	Working space w/ wifi / Open area, trusted place for news	38th & Wadsworth	Location is most important, used to ride my bike there.
1	34	Denver Public Library	29th & Wolff	[no response]	Access to free resources and audio books, research databases	Children's programming, a nice 3rd space, low-cost to take kids	38th from Wadsworth to Sheridan	If I have to travel far I make look for an alternative that's closer even if it's not exactly what I'm looking for.
3	74, 75, 59	Wheat Ridge / Golden / Standley / Lakewood	[no response]	Need to use it. Holds locker is great.	Books, meeting	Meeting spaces (need more), outdoor activities for helpful librarians, tech tutorials, GPS, social media scam-avoidance materials.	Rec Center / 40th & Kipling	Inventory is most important / Nice if bikeable
2	64, 58	[no response]	37th & Wyandot / 30th & Tejon	[no response]	Order books: Travel books and magazines / Manga line swaps of old issues	Kids books programming, Yoga class, community events, computer tips and tricks	Vance & Wadsworth / 38th Avenue	Location / If it had what I needed I would travel further
2	65, 65	Clement / Columbine	Bellevue & Kipling	N/A	I've always loved them. Go online & put it on hold. / Periodicals.	Openness is best but w/ dynamic seating. Cubbies / Sit down and read quietly. / Walk through and enjoy environment.	Crown Hill / I-70	Location - Access to it / I just want to be able to browse again and More Books.

1	35	[no response]	56th & Wads	[no response]	A community hub	Bookclubs, community events, youth programs (6-16)	38th Ave corridor	Needs to be central, walkable, and parking is important
1	52	Standley Lake	84th & Indiana	[no response]	E-books, a place to work	Study room, quiet place to take calls; e-book; small conference rooms for meetings / 3D printing wait / ways way / Movies, DVDs, streaming / way too long	38th Ave. corridor.	Within five miles would be most ideal

Edwards Meats (5/09/26)

Participants	Age(s)	Current Library	Nearest Cross Streets	Question 1: Describe WR Library	Question 2: Most Useful / General Value	Question 3: Future Spaces / Programs	Question 4: Frequently Visited Areas of WR	Question 5: Library Physical Location vs Relevance
1	81	Lakewood	Simms & 29th	Lakewood	Reference resource for those who don't have access	Consumer Reports / Open spaces with things you want—periodicals	38th & Kipling, Sheridan	Location
2	63	Golden	32nd & Youngfield	[no response]	Check out books / like the one next to Fatima / Summer reading, youth-focused programs / Accessibility	Welcoming / Libraries important part of community	Vinolas / 32nd,38th, 26th corridors	Dynamic branches that serve a community's needs is most important
3	36, 8, 4	Standley Lake	Indiana & 82nd	[no response]	Quiet spaces of kid section / Reading fiction/dinosaurs / Online access	Jeffco schools-summer reading programs / Prizes—Lemonade / Room to spread out	I-70 & Ward	Kids—find what I want / Mom—location

1	43	Westminster	80th & Kipling	[no response]	Kids classes, reading, computer access, audiobooks / Go with grandparents twice/week	Classes	I-70 & Ward	Easy to find what I'm looking for
1	45	Lakewood / bigger than Wheat Ridge	32nd & Kipling	Very small community library / Easy to find	Third space for people; great space for kids to discover who they are; affordable	Makerspaces—place for training for life (jobskills) / Everyone is welcome; magical part of my life is joys of learning; algorithm isn't choosing it for you.	Everywhere, generational / staying central is important-Youngfield is too far	Equal - you have to be able to get there (park or walk!)
3	9, 11, 45	Golden	Youngfield & 32nd	Cottage-sized	Chapter books / graphic novels / Manga / Online holds /shelf holds	Scavenger hunt / librarians / Seating-comfy chairs/couches/low chairs	Lifetime	Location
2	30, 72	Lakewood	30th & Wadsworth	older building I drive by it	Libby is great / Community spot! / Access to information & tools / Quiet / Welcoming	Comfort / study areas chairs / Kids programs to increase literacy	Lutheran Hospital	Location!
2	30, 32	Standley Lake	Quaker & 64/Westwoods & MacIntyre	[no response]	Access to books / Printer Tools	Quiet / clean / Spaces to read	Lifetime	Location and parking
1	30	NA	62nd & Wadsworth	[no response]	Quiet / studying / tables	Learning spaces-dynamic spaces / Programs	Crown Hill Park	
1	74	Arvada	83rd & Flora	[no response]	Use it for printing/ tools / information / Open spaces	Book club spaces; business section	[no response]	Location

1	45	Anythink	50th & 168th	[no response]	Computer services / printers	Quiet rooms	Home/ Edwards Meats	Location
2	26, 22	Standley Lake	72nd & Simms	[no response]	Borrowing & printing / Fourth Wing / Thorn & Roses	Computer labs / Computer pods w/ separation / Quiet	I-70 & Ward	Easy to find what I'm looking for
2	6, 41	Standley Lake	Coal Creek Canyon	[no response]	Collections	ease of getting in & out / We don't linger or read there	Edwards Meats	Easy to find what I'm looking for
3	8, 75, 38	Standley Lake / Anythink	[no response]	[no response]	Chapter Books / Wings of Fire / Order books drop off Large Print books / Libby	Computer spaces / Swivel chairs	Wheat Ridge Cyclery: jewelry shop	Location!

Concert at the Green (5/15/26)

Participants	Age(s)	Current Library	Nearest Cross Streets	Question 1: Describe WR Library	Question 2: Most Useful / General Value	Question 3: Future Spaces / Programs	Question 4: Frequently Visited Areas of WR	Question 5: Library Physical Location vs Relevance
2	14, 43	[no response]	38th & Wadsworth	[no response]	Makes reading accessible, trip guides, movies	Book rave, anything for teens events	38th & Wadsworth	Would drive a distance, but most important is being able to find things inside. The layout is hugely important.
1	46	Belmar	35th & Kipling	Not worth visiting	Kids programs	Coffee shops	38th corridor, all the parks and some better restaurants	I'll travel further if the library has what I need. I currently live close to Wheat Ridge but go to Belmar.

1	43	Wheat Ridge	Harlan & 36th	Closest. Small. We can bike. Great librarians	Proximity	MS and late elementary programs. Language class for families.	38th & Wadsworth, 20th & Wadsworth, 38th corridor	Physical location is more important, like walking. If out of the way we probably won't go. Walk & bike to it.
1	50	[no response]	I-76 & 88th	[no response]	Their programs and services	If library could partner w/ schools to bring books for curriculum, Adult programs classes on homeownership.	38th & Wadsworth	I'd drive to a different town to get what I needed.
1	25	Not yet	38th & Teller	[no response]	Ability to read what you want for free; renting, puzzles, circulation	Enough chairs; private spaces; outside space; seed bank; snacks	38th & Wadsworth	Location/walkability of high users is important. But easily find is up there too.
2	40, 3	Lakewood	20th & Simms	[no response]	Kids books; Theme-bag of books; Toy Kitchen	Spaces for kids - Lakewood has big open spaces and it meets needs	The Green at 38th	Location
1	75	Edgewater	38th & Vance	[no response]	Genealogy research; Audiobooks: Harry Potter	Edgewater layout seating - dynamic for kids and for adults; open on Sundays	38th & Wadsworth shopping centers	Location!
1	33	Golden	32nd & Moore	[no response]	Kids programming; Things you can borrow or rent	Revolving times of storytimes JCPL	38th Corridor	Ease of finding
1	42	Arvada	62nd & Lamar	[no response]	Tech, Audiobook, Libby, Kobo reading; Nonfiction & Fiction for kids; Arvada seed pocket giveaway	MS - we do Smiley programs in DPL; Activities well beyond reading - experiential	Rec Center & Skate Park / splash pad Youngfield	Location

1	40	Stanley Lake - Wheat Ridge	38th & Teller	Kind of small	Printers - 2x/month; Resources like storytime, kid activities	Quiet spaces in kids' section; Kid activities spaces	38th & Wadsworth, The Green at 38th	Easy access
1	39	Wheat Ridge	45th & Teller	Sits on corner 32nd & Chase; once you go in it's nice, small, kids space in back.	Kids toys & books numbers / letters / shapes; I go to Arvada for "my books" Fiction & nonfiction, cookbooks; Libby app	Art space; Comfy place; Lakeside DPL Picasso Room; Place to sit! I don't want to go to coffee shop; All over the building dynamic areas; Play Group I love the "Youth Area" - safe and also theirs.	The Green for the playground, restaurants on 38th; Anderson Park; Rec Center	If I can ride my bike safely and get what I want that's ideal.
1	41	Wheat Ridge (Edgewater)	39th & Lamar	[no response]	Quiet place to work w/ WIFI; Get books; storytime; experiential going in and packing	Book readers; Quiet Conference room / meeting room; Bean bags for kids / displays w/ themes; yoto cards - Tome - walkman/discman	38th & Wadsworth; the Green; Hopper Park	2 miles; Location is as important as ease of finding; easy relevant; Bike/Walk to it is better.
2	11, 11	Lakewood / Arvada / one by Wood	38th & Wadsworth	[no response]	Books in collection - graphic novels; Harry Potter Fiction	Somewhere where my brother is not; comfy chairs	The green; School	Location
2	34, 49	Smiley	44th & Sheridan	Tucked back in there	Layout - things are organized by section; Art books	At Smiley - the summer reading program	38th & Wadsworth	Insides are more important - classic/old traditional
2	7, 40	Wheat Ridge	38th & Kendall	Smaller, quiet, relaxing compared to others; Fun!	Check out books - Harry Potter; Location! Spend down time; Libby	Programs = storytime / summer reading; Kid's seating in environment - Future users	[no response]	Easily found, but for mom (me) ride our bikes there; Lakewood is too far

2	40, 50	Wheat Ridge	30th & Depew	Good place to go; easy to maneuver	Audiobooks; We used to do movies	Access to digital resources; Quiet/comfortable space	Around here	Location / ease of finding things
1	13	Denver Public but used Lakewood	34th & Wyndam	[no response]	Being able to ask librarians accessible help; Hunger Games	Creative writing - services/programs; Comfy chairs where I can go after school	The Green	Ease of finding what I need

RidgeFest (6/06/26)

Participants	Age(s)	Current Library	Nearest Cross Streets	Question 1: Describe WR Library	Question 2: Most Useful / General Value	Question 3: Future Spaces / Programs	Question 4: Frequently Visited Areas of WR	Question 5: Library Physical Location vs Relevance
1	30	Wheat Ridge	N/A	Small, helpful, versatile, lots of resources, friendly, loan + 1	printing, fax	Check out	N/A	easy to find - guide you
1	31	N/A	N/A	Open, Community based	Resources / Spaces for community gathering	Community building books / Audio books	38th & Wadsworth area	Services
1	31	N/A	N/A	Never been to physical library	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	28, 26, 24	DPL / Edgewater	Pierce & 26th	N/A	Printing, arts & crafts / crafts rooms, 3D screen printer	Study rooms w/ mix of sizes for individuals to small groups, community services, tools, local gov meetings, legal assistance	38th corridor	Location is important; probably won't go as far for printing, parking is important
1	67	Wheat Ridge	Eaton & 36th	helpful, friendly	Location and convenience	Magazines, more reading areas	38th & Wadsworth area	Location is #1

1	48	Wheat Ridge	N/A	Quaint, welcoming	Hours are great	Free printing services	N/A	Physical location #1
1	48	Wheat Ridge	N/A	Small and lovely	Picking up books on hold / Free printing, story time	Kids got to K	Kids section / lucky day shelv	Services
1		DPL	N/A	Welcoming, easy going	Books / Resources	Digital offerings	38th & Wadsworth	50:50 / Need to be accessible / Services are equally
1	46	Wheat Ridge	Sheridan	Small w/ amazing staff	Great of my older mother	Memory cafes, are amazing online / online access	Sheridan corridor	Being in close proximity is huge, I don't drive
1		Wheat Ridge	N/A	Reading & Accessibility - Staff are wonderful / Small & tiny but mighty - great place to support	Proximity / my library / friend's staff	Bigger space / More gathering space / More chairs / how to engage + 1	38th / 44th corridors	very tied, I would use it if it were a Bigger facility + 1
1	45	N/A	23rd	N/A	Able to study rooms to concentrate; easier to find books	Spread out printers and docs and slideshow software	38th corridor	Chase is important; don't drive yet so travel is hard
1	59	N/A	N/A	N/A	Computer and printing	N/A	Wadsworth & Kipling corridors	Location is most important
2	41, 40	Wheat Ridge	38th & Wadsworth	welcoming, quaint, helpful	Staff, accessibility - it's welcoming even to loud kids	Separate area for programs, like DPL Branch on 46th & Tennyson has	The Green, the library	More location, ability to place holds makes services accessible anywhere in JCPL
1	46	Arvada, Wheat Ridge	47th & Newland	Super cute, quaint, helpful and friendly staff	Ebooks, selection, free	Have rented movies in past; tool rental; borrow various resources	All over, restaurants	Location isn't a dealbreaker, I can drive or walk
1	26	N/A	38th & Wadsworth	N/A	Somewhere to take kids, get books	Computers, DVDs	38th & Wadsworth	would make trip if it had exactly what I needed

1	24	N/A / Colombia	N/A	All the knowledge you can gain	cookbooks and experimental kitchen	N/A	N/A	okay if further; maybe quieter and help me get out of town
1		Belmar	38th & Marshall	Don't go. Go to main one. Not a lot of info or helpful	Info people know online and physical inventory and resources	Craft classes, but they're always full. More program space. Makerspaces	38th corridor; Lakeside area	Library doesn't have to be the easiest place
1	37	Wheat Ridge	35th & Teller	Nice building, calm, quiet, friendly, easier access than Denver Library	Librarians, reserve system	Quiet work spaces; museum passes, food library, outdoor gear	38th corridor, parks	Location is really important. W/in 20 minutes is close
1		N/A	Ward & 52nd	Across town, Scrappy. Good book services. Place to work	Quiet space, core services	Childrens programming, Core book services	Clear Creek Crossing; 38th corridor; Wadsworth corridor; 38th & Kipling	Walkability is super important, needs to be close to other places. Lutheran legacy would be a big get
1	28	Montbello	Chambers & Airport	N/A	Audiobooks, summer programs, printing, movies, community	Borrow household things, trip planning, travel groups	Applewood; 38th corridor	If it has what I need, I'll do day traveling farther
1	40	Edgewater	Border of Edgewater / Wheat Ridge	Don't use Wheat Ridge	Technology, computers - Check out books / Teen after hours / Play areas	Maker space, Teen Programming	N/A	proximity + amenities / can order items: pick up if items aren't available
1	51	Wheat Ridge / Arvada	Garrison & 44th	Small, cozy, nice place to sit, quiet, librarians are nice / Arvada more convenient - bikes there prettier + 1	Arvada - easy get to / book holds, quiet space, free	Community programs / asset events / author events	along the creek / park nice - go to arvada a lot	would drive if it had stuff she wanted
1		Wheat Ridge / Edgewater / Belmar	44th & Wadsworth	website is easy to use	Art programs (birds of prey, too) / Better at BL (programs are)	Cater to older people, too. Coding classes for retirees	N/A	Depew / College

1	40	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Wadsworth	Charming, Calm, A Little Sanctuary	Love everything we do to keep kids and teens engaged	Teen programs - will travel to lots of other libraries for them	38th area	Location is nice, but not the determining factor for me
1	40	Wheat Ridge	38th & Harlan	Good for families, not too big, but nice. Air-Conditioning!	Online library - ease and convenience	Attended storytimes when kiddo was small. No need for study space	38th area - east and west of Wads	It needs to be convenient - if it's not, I'm not going to go
2	15, 12	Arvada / Lakewood	Arvada close to the border	CHILL, FUN, GOOD BOOKS	EASE OF RETURNING BOOKS / ORGANIZED / TEEN SECTION	DIGITAL APPS / EVENTS / VOLUNTEER	PAMA MARTIAL ARTS / LUTHERAN	PHYSICAL COPIES NICE / LIBRARIANS / BOOK SHELF
1	72	Wheat Ridge	Pierce & 35th	small/limited	resource / borrow not buy (both of them)	N/A	35th	IMPT
1	45	Wheat Ridge	Pierce & 38th	Neighborhood Library	Proximity to where we live; our two kids like to ride their bikes there	kids programs. No fines (mostly check out books)	38th Neighborhood	Very - its convenient / Family-friendly
1	40	Lakewood	32nd & Kipling	uses Lakewood more based on location	Free programs, Materials, helpful librarians, Summer reading	Makers space	N/A	both easy to get to find Materials / Harlan
1	12	Arvada Temporary Library	N/A	Arvada / more easy to access	N/A	Check out books / Teen Advisory Board	N/A	Close to home
2	40, 14	Belmar	38th & Chase	GREAT SELECTION, NO LATE FEES / KIDS AREA GREAT	SELECTION, GAMING COMPUTER / TOWER OF AWES IDEAL / SOCIALIZING	AR RENOVATED, ATTACHED MAKERSPACE	38TH CORRIDOR, CLEAR CREEK	REASON TO GO DIFF PLACES / -MAKERSPACE / -BIG KIDS SPACE
1	45	Wheat Ridge	N/A	Nice, small but enough stuff to find what you need	Not too busy @ WR / Variety and holds @ libraries in general	Kids programs, mostly	East side	Live @ 44th + Newland, location is important but not the most important

1	30	Wheat Ridge	38th & Pierce	Have only visited once	Free borrowing!	Attended a story time	38th + Wadsworth (east of wads)	Location is important, but not the only factor
1	[no response]	Wheat Ridge but uses Edgewater	N/A	would use more if it was new, more amenities	different uses / Books, classes, take a break somewhere outside of house / Battle of the Books + 2	Co-work - Meeting / would love teen area, safe space, sectioned off	29th	resources and ease of use more important than location + 1
1	30	N/A	Park & 20th	n/a	Story Times for baby	Free printing	Around 38th & Wadsworth, Lifetime Marriott	Location - walkability / "If I can't find what I need, I know someone can help me."
1	56	Lakewood	Youngfield & 20th	n/a	Current books, Lucky Day	Place to have workspace when power goes out, Pick up manga for teen son, events	Martial Arts Studio @ Youngfield & 38th, The Green 38th / Areas where Golden & Wheat Ridge intersect	Location - Goes to Lk because it is within 1mi of home
1	43	Lakewood	Indiana & 52nd	Lots of books, great	Getting books easily	Kids' Summer Reading Programs	The Green at 38th	Location, but both are important
2	56, 13	Arvada / Standley Lake	Carr & 58th	Books / computer / Summer Reading	Request books: Find ones you want / Teen activities: Pride events, murder mystery, dance party	Libby - online / Quiet space options; makers space!	38th Corridor / Mountain Phonix / Wheat Ridge Rec Center	Location - walkable, lakeside
1	15	Lakewood	30th & Parfet	N/A	Finding what I'm looking for. Computer access. Author Writing #tactile experience / be on relational experience	Someone there to help me. Count of Monte Cristo ordered at library	38th corridor	Neither / nor Either or

5	40, 41, 10, 6, 5	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Teller	Convenient but small / for holds / Browsing at Edgewater or Lakewood	Programming when they were close to house / I got my Library card when I was 9. little, big kids area; toys area! and foam block / *computers for kids can be a distraction + 2	DVD and Libby! / Open work spaces - extra amenity	38th corridor, The Ridge	THIS side of Wads because if it's small it's near / when I'm older and it's noisy at home. I'd like to go somewhere quiet. As a mom, it's a safe space. She can ride her bike
3	67, 13, 11	Arvada	40th & Dover	N/A	Pride Month Cosplay camp / Movie checkout; tablet (hot spot internet) / Mental health; nonfiction; graphic novel	Computer labs; little quiet / Technology-kiosk	Clearvale/Anderson Park / Everett M.S. / Young's Market / Dover	Location is priority / Right now, we'll go to the temp Arvada location, but don't love it
3	37, 10, 6	Wheat Ridge / Edgewater	32nd & Depew	Compared to others, it's small / Not many toys / *I've had to report drug sites in the parking lot! + 2	Being able to read / look up things / I wish it's not easy to be neighborhood + 1	computer; Frozen; Play w/ toys / I'm finding myself reading YA / From family perspective we use Rangers in Golden, teen res is great to Columbine, kid area is great + 1	Anderson Park / Prospect Park / 38th corridor	I like to be invited into the space and explore. For variety, we go to all of them.
3	38, 14, 10	Wheat Ridge / Lakewood	38th & Upham	Only been once	Books, school work can be done there; Anime, graphic novels	children and summer reading program / Bilingual programs.	Stevens Elementary / 38th corridor	I feel good at Lakewood. I go to Lakewood for accessibility / Programs that are bilingual / Welcoming

3	50, 5, 3	Regolfo Gonzalez / Edgewater	N/A	N/A	Kids' activities: storytime; songs, dancing / Kindle w/ Libby	Librarians Services; Quiet spaces for reading studying / Not just computers	SPENGA / KS on 38th / Lutheran campus	Location - we'll bike to libraries that are closer
1	[no response]	Arvada	Grandview & Wadsworth	N/A	Books, tactile Book drop	Chill zone; quiet reading / Bean bag or couches	The Ridge / 38th Corridor	Access and find accessible parking / Like walkability to Arvada
3	43, 42, 9	Wheat Ridge	29th & Depew	FUN. Small. Kid Friendly.	Coloring, kids books, computers, Libby / Books. Graphic novel. Storytime when she was living / If I could sit in comfortable chair/nooks/teen space	Walkable. / More "living room" than "study hall" feel is so good / Historically, Friday closures is inconvenient	38th corridor	If it's accessible AND easy to get to, that's perfect.
1	31	Wheat Ridge	38th & Teller	White & recessed back. Inside looks like library.	Cookbooks: I can just take it. / Connected to e-reader/Libby / Fan Faves: Fiction The Pairing	Free program and safe space. / Neutral ground that is free - community driven / *Bike to library	Get Rights / 38th / Teller / The Ridge / Crown Hill Park - biking	Location: because it feels integrated, neighborhood resource
1	30s	Edgewater / Wheat Ridge	near Edgewater	Small	kids book	study rooms	58th area / downtown	very important - write out / USE ED for Child Section / Closeby
1	32	Standley Lake	75th & Simms	cozy, nice lighting	accessibility, different media, Kanopy, books, wishlists	Study spaces & programs (yarn group / fiber any)	Makerspace, target area / on kipling	Location's very important / inner summer reading, prospector access
1	65	Wheat Ridge	43rd & Newland	"Small, friendly, hometown feeling"	Kids section	Nature's Educates-programs / Programs for children	around 38th Safeway area	Very important - if people don't know it's there they won't go. Good Parking / Been going to WR since Miss Low

1	24	Wheat Ridge	32nd	"Quaint & Quiet"	-Check out whatever books you need. Don't have to buy. / Computers / access to wi-fi / Free	people / kids - Story Times	Shops in Lakeside	Close to house (can walk to your library!)
1	61	Standley Lake	80th & Indiana	N/A	Human Interaction / Free Books	Tool Library / Maker Space / Programs (Classes-adult)	44th St / Kipling Maker Space	Impt to be nearby / Online Library / Long wait list for books they like
1	48	Wheat Ridge	44th & Lamar	friendly/Small/books on hold / hours doc / wants to figure HL	close / the staff know them / borrowing books not buying / Suggest books / auto-renewal	not programs	38th up & down all day long / Stevens, Everett, dance, soccer, Karate	Goes where the books are / have been to LK & ED also AR, BL / uses online & Libby too + 1
1	39	DPL / Belmar	32nd & Quentin	N/A	Access to books	fun classes / kids area activities	38th & Wadsworth / Anderson / Prospect Parks	Convenient Location
1	23	Wheat Ridge	Lamar & 44th	Small	borrowing books / convenient to put holds / Print	book club maybe / cage	38th & Wadsworth/ Park: Randall / Rec Center	Likes knowing where to put holds / used to go to AR + 1

RECIPE FOR MY LOCAL LIBRARY

RANK 1-4 (1=MOST IMPORTANT, 4=LEAST IMPORTANT)

Borrow things (books, DVDs, tools, games, outdoor equipment, etc.)

Work, study, or read (by myself or with a few others)

Gather with others (clubs, community groups, business or non-profit meetings)

Discover, play, and create (classes and programs, computers, gaming, maker space, kids’ area)

AND ADD A DASH OF... (SELECT 2)

Parking (including EV charging)

Near other places I often visit

Within safe and comfortable walking or cycling distance

Close to public transportation

Holds locker

Age

Current library

Cross streets



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Community Activations “Library Recipe” Board Results

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4/27/26)

Borrow things	Work, study, read	Gather with others	Discover, play, create	Parking	Walking, cycling distance	Holds locker	Near places I often visit	Public transportation	Age	Current library	Cross-streets
4	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	60	N/A	Kipling & Florida
2	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	40	Belmar	Wadsworth & Mississippi
1	2	3	4	0	0	1	0	1	67	Arvada	68th & Wadsworth
1	3	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	32	Arvada	44th & Brentwood
2	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	23, 23	Wheat Ridge	29th & Wadsworth
2	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	57	Lakewood	20th & Garland
1	3	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	34	N/A	44th & Wadsworth
3	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	23	N/A	45th & Evans
4	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	15	N/A	Morrison
3	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	29	N/A	38th & Kipling
1	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	37	Arvada	47th & Cody
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	46	N/A	38th & Simms
1	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	46	Lakewood	29th & Wadsworth
2	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	33	Lakewood	23rd & Kipling
4	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	31	N/A	6th & Kipling
3	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	31	N/A	6th & Kipling
1	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	23	Wheat Ridge	41st & Harlan
1	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	60	N/A	

4	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	16	N/A	44th & Kipling
4	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	34, 35	Berkley	38th & Kipling
1	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	35	Smiley	41st & Zenobia

Stylus + Crate (4/30/26)

Borrow things	Work, study, read	Gather with others	Discover, play, create	Parking	Walking, cycling distance	Holds locker	Near places I often visit	Public transportation	Age	Current library	Cross-streets
1	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	37	N/A	72nd & Wadsworth
3	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	26	N/A	2nd & Potomac
4	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	38	N/A	47th & Federal
3	1	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	37	Louisville & Wheat Ridge	US36 & Flatiron
1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	32, 31	Golden	1st & Ford
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	31, 27	Columbine or DPL	26th & Lamar, 18th & Logan

Edwards Meats (5/09/26)

Borrow things	Work, study, read	Gather with others	Discover, play, create	Parking	Walking, cycling distance	Holds locker	Near places I often visit	Public transportation	Age	Current library	Cross-streets
2	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	37	N/A	64th & Indiana
1	3	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	56	Golden	21st & East
1	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	54	Golden	Hwy 58
2	3	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	45	Golden & Lakewood	6th & Simms
1	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	66	Belmar	Bear Creek (Morrison)
2	1	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	41	Gilpin	Gilpin County
1	3	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	42	Golden	58th & Hwy 93
3	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	55	N/A	64th & Quaker
1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	47	Golden	6th & Indiana

1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	49	Arvada	58th & Ward
1	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	60	Standley Lake	80th & Club Crest
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	60	Standley Lake & Golden	64th & Quaker
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	46	Standley Lake	44th & Ward
1	3	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	40	Arvada	52nd & Garrison
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	37	Denver Central	Speer & Lowell
3	4	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	34	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Kipling
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	41	N/A	38th & Youngfield
1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	60	Columbine	Kipling & C470
4	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	31	N/A	26th & Wadsworth
1	4	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	28	N/A	44th & Kipling

1	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	40	Golden	38th & Wadsworth
1	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	10	Golden	19th & 6th
4	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	62	N/A	58th & Eldritch
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	48	Express Library West Arvada	64th & Deframe
1	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	72	Evergreen	72nd & Dick Mountain
1	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	42	Golden	32nd & MacIntyre
3	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	26	Arvada	66th & Oberon
1	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	61	N/A	32nd & Parfet
1	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	31	N/A	32nd & Lowell

Concert at the Green (5/15/26)

Borrow things	Work, study, read	Gather with others	Discover, play, create	Parking	Walking, cycling distance	Holds locker	Near places I often visit	Public transportation	Age	Current library	Cross-streets
3	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	30	Edgewater	Carr & Wadsworth
1	2	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	24	Boulder Public	36th & Broadway
1	2	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	24	CCD	104th & Legacy
1	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	68	N/A	38th & Upham
1	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	7	Edgewater	39th & Federal
4	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	Lakewood	Kipling & West Colfax
1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	29	Arvada	44th & Kipling
3	4	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	31	Arvada	34th & Estes
4	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	28	Wheat Ridge	26th & Finton

3	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	29	N/A	38th & Wadsworth
2	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	50	Wheat Ridge	44th & Jellison
1	3	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	10	Lakewood	38th & Quail
1	3	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	42	Lakewood	38th & Quail
4	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	22	N/A	38th & Pierce
3	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	58	Wheat Ridge	38th & Kipling
4	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	58	N/A	38th & Kipling

RidgeFest (6/06/26)

Borrow things	Work, study, read	Gather with others	Discover, play, create	Parking	Walking, cycling distance	Holds locker	Near places I often visit	Public transportation	Age	Current library	Cross-streets
2	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	34	Wheat Ridge	38th & Wadsworth
2	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	38	Wheat Ridge	36th & Otis
3	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	57	Lakewood	Balsam & Otis
1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	55	Lakewood	Balsam & Otis
1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	50	Wheat Ridge	38th & Simms
1	3	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	38	Belmar or Arvada	38th & Pierce
1	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	70	Stanley Lake	80th & Kipling
1	4	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	70	Online	38th & Wadsworth
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	X	N/A	N/A

1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	28	Lakewood	38th & Kipling
1	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	28	Lakewood	Kipling & 38th
2	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	70	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Pierce
4	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	55	Denver Public Library	Denver
2	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	14	Stanley Lake	58th & Independence
2	4	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	17	Arvada	64th & Wadsworth
1	2	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	55	N/A	32nd & Estes
1	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	56	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Pierce
1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	18	Stanley Lake	37th & Pierce
1	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	35	Denver Public Library	38th & Upham
1	3	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	52	Wheat Ridge or Lakewood	38th & Wadsworth

1	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	18	Wheat Ridge	38th & Upham
1	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	45	Wheat Ridge	39th & Harlan
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	42	Wheat Ridge or Arvada	54th & Garrison
2	1	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	40	Golden	15th & Washington
2	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	40	Golden	15th & Washington
3	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	30	Belmar	South Reed
1	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	58	Wheat Ridge	31st & Wadsworth
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	28	Arvada	52nd & Independence
1	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	42	N/A	36th & Kipling
2	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	16	N/A	N/A
2	1	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	30	Wheat Ridge	44th & Yarrow

1	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	30	Wheat Ridge	38th & Jay
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	40	Lakewood	44th & Kipling
1	4	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	40	Lakewood	44th & Kipling
2	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	25	Wheat Ridge	38th & Wadsworth
4	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	33	Wheat Ridge	22nd & Youngfield
1	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	46	Wheat Ridge	45th Place & Jay
1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	23	Lakewood	Boulder County
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	30	Lakewood or Wheat Ridge	44th & Wadsworth
2	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	31	Belmar	Iliff & Sewell
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	20	Stanley Lake	72nd & Indiana
2	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	43	Lakewood	26th & Oak

1	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	35	Wheat Ridge	N/A
2	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	38	Wheat Ridge or Edgewater	20th & Kendall
1	2	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	60+	Belmar	6th & Carr
1	3	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	60+	Woodbury Denver	38th & Zuni
2	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	60+	N/A	N/A
1	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	41	Wheat Ridge	38th & Teller
4	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	57	Wheat Ridge	32nd & Harlan

What's the *"missing ingredient"* at Wheat Ridge Library?



Things I'd borrow...



Spaces I'd use...



Activities I'd enjoy...

Thank you for helping us improve your library!



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In-Library Activation Responses

Wheat Ridge Library

Things I'd borrow	Spaces I'd use	Activities I'd enjoy
Bookmarks	Study rooms	Puppet shows
CDs, speciality cookware, craft supplies (looms, cutting mats, vice clamps, etc.)	Private meeting rooms for studying and group meetings	Adult classes especially on 3D printing and other technology
Astrology audiobooks please	10 years and up areas	First Aid 101
Better children's books—more from Horn Lists, caldecott, hancens, better NF history books, board games	Games section, a children's section without computer access (my son won't come to library b/c I won't allow computer time when it's "in the children's section," reservable room	Interactive talks (science—like bird rescue), Kids' Dungeons & Dragons
Astrology audiobooks	Teens spaces	Writing a memoir, Learning AI
	A beautiful outdoor space, beautiful all-around update	Mending circles, Makers gatherings, poetry reading
More audio books and draft sets	A cozy, sensory corner/area	learning a new language program
More CDs	[no response]	More senior programs
More audiobooks, more large print, sewing and garden tools	Quiet room, crafting room	Crafting in AM, History of Colorado, Disability tools

Wheat Ridge Library Staff Session

Facilitator Guide (45 Minutes)

Purpose

To understand how staff currently serve patrons, where the physical space supports or limits that service, and what changes would most improve both patron experience and staff effectiveness and satisfaction.

Materials Needed

Sticky notes (2–3 colors)

Thick markers

Printed prompts (temporarily posted around room, on stacks, or on tables)

Dot stickers (5 per participant)

Flip charts or large paper (to gather sticky notes)

Painters Tape

Room Setup (Flexible / Adaptive)

Given space constraints:

- Use **3–4 stations** (tables, corners, or even stacks areas)
- Staff should be allowed to stand and move between areas
- Pre-label stations:
“Serving Patrons Well” | “Space as a Barrier” | “Workarounds & Tradeoffs” | “Future State”

Agenda Overview (45 Minutes)

Session Focus	Duration	Format	Lead
Welcome & “Rules of Engagement”	5 minutes	Whole Group	AC

Reflection: What Works? What is Challenging?	5 minutes	Solo/individual With Movement	AC
Small Group Rotations	15 minutes	Groups of 3–4	TH and AC
Share Out + Discussion	15 minutes	Whole Group	TH
Wrap-Up	5 minutes	Whole Group	Either TH/AC

1. Welcome + “Rules of Engagement” (5 minutes)

Facilitator Talking Points:

- This session complements the public survey but is focused on staff experience
- Talking Points:
 - “You are the experts in how this building functions day-to-day.”
 - “We’re looking to you to provide thoughtful feedback, and that includes letting us know if there’s something important that we’ve missed.”
 - “We are not evaluating you—we are understanding systems and space.”
- Key themes:
 - Serving patrons effectively
 - Space constraints and opportunities
 - What makes working at Wheat Ridge fulfilling

2. Reflection: What Works Well? What is Challenging? (5 minutes)

Prompt (posted or read aloud):

Think about a typical day.

When are you at your best serving patrons—and when is it hardest?

Participants write on sticky notes:

- **Green notes:** "What works well"
- **Orange notes:** "What makes it difficult"

Would like to encourage them to **move around the space while reflecting (not seated).*

3. Small Group Rotations (15 minutes)

Here's the structure:

- Break into **4 groups of 3–4 people**
- Each group starts at one station
- Spend **~4 minutes per station**, then rotate

Station 1: Serving Patrons Well

Prompt:

- When are you able to provide excellent service?
- What conditions (space, tools, layout) make that possible?

Push, if needed:

- Specific examples
- Times of day or types of patrons

Station 2: Space as a Barrier

Prompt:

- Where does the physical space make it harder to serve patrons?
- What are the most common frustrations you see or experience?

Encourage specificity for:

- Programming
- Noise
- Accessibility
- Privacy
- Flow of people in the building

Station 3: Workarounds & Tradeoffs

Prompt:

- What do you or your team do to “make it work” despite limitations?
- What are you sacrificing or compromising?

Station 4: Future State (Ideal Conditions)

Prompt:

- If space and resources were not constraints, what would help you:
 - Serve patrons better?
 - Improve your workflow to accomplish your daily duties?

**Would like to encourage practical and aspirational ideas as we'll do this out in public, too*

4. Share Out + Discussion (15 minutes)

Each group shares:

- All the insights that have been written down at their final station.
- TH/AC captures on flip chart under 3 headers:
 “Service Strengths” | “Key Barriers” | “Opportunities”
- Call out patterns:
 - Ex. “Space constraints show up most in programming and quiet areas”

- Ex. "Limited technology consistently shows up in patron conversation"
- Ask for Magnificent Outliers (things maybe only mentioned once or twice but stood out as important feedback)

5. Wrap-Up (5 minutes)

Summary of feedback:

- Highlight:
 - Top 2–3 prioritized barriers
 - Top 2–3 opportunity areas
- Reinforce:
 - "This input informs JCPL, and..."
 - "This helps ensure staff experience is considered alongside community input"

Closing Prompt (verbal, optional quick round):

In one sentence—what would make the biggest difference in your day-to-day work?

Wheat Ridge Library Staff Input Session Responses

When are you able to provide excellent service?
Afternoons/Evenings
After trainings
When closed - can work w/o interrupting browsers
When we are fully staffed i.e. Wednesdays
After breaks
Senior population
Patrons that understand how things work, procedures, etc.
When patrons recognize that we're a free community center
Quiet moments
Quick patrons - logistics issues (printing, catalog, card, etc.)
Flexible patrons / Welcoming space / Know REGULARS
Working w/ Families (after storytime)
After Storytimes - Kids area is clear if we need to get materials

What conditions make that possible?
Clear signage
Wide aisles
Easy to understand & explain communication
Staff support / Other team members
More staffing & coverage
Best - patrons with knowledge on resources and where to find them; well "trained"
Family Presentation (PowerPoint) / Scavenger Hunt
I like working with the kids because I am most familiar w/ those resources
Items being easy to find
Toys / presentation area clear
When there are no issues or queue for printer—more than one printer would be useful
When technology is working

Less chaos (i.e. storytimes/programming) - A lot of moving bodies in tight space makes more stress than other times

Where does the physical space make it harder to serve patrons?

Time & organization

Can't add new tech like Easy Scan

Limited # of computers makes some days more challenging than others

Not finding things because of pile up

Awkward ops room

Stroller space

No programming space

Lack of separation of spaces

No space for teen space

Programming space

Programming space

Patron storage space

No study rooms

NO TEEN SPACE

Study rooms / meeting rooms (lack of)

Study rooms / quiet spaces

No space for adults

Sound carries from children's to front & vice versa - no place for true quiet space

Too small

Too close to other branches

Hard when one desk is in front and gets ALL the questions

No outside programming space

We can't see into hall where bathroom is - NOT SAFE

Supplies + offices are UPSTAIRS

Patrons feel location is perfect

Stroller parking

Small collection

We don't own the building or machines

When Senior Resource Center is doing work contractors show up unannounced to shared space

No staff bathroom / No staff parking
Parking for programs - can discourage from coming
Lack of computers
If anything changes it's "bad" & the "why" is rarely accepted
NO STAFF BATHROOM
Library meeting/programming room (not shared)

What do you or your team do to "make it work" despite limitations?

Flexibility
Helps having service stations (multiple) but Zone 1 has to be alert to help Zone 2
Reorganizing frequently
Adjust as needed to specific situation (i.e. having patrons use kids computers if all full & kids area empty)
Re-working programs b/c of size
Limited collection - send items to other branches
Move furniture for programming
Mobile organizers
Employ Danth
Send as reference elsewhere rather than help here (no space, no staff, no resources)
Tiny but mighty makes interactions more personal
Ops/Px separation or lack thereof
"Program" space is just library space
Designated ops room that meets new ops standards with Sit and stand desks and routing wall
No Vending machines

What are you sacrificing or compromising?

Staff privacy
Quiet / Time / Space
Patron service - helping in timely manner
Programming sacrifices to accommodate kids area

Procedures - have to adjust as needed
Sacrifice time - have to work outside of shifts to get things done
Aging building / older facility
ADA compliant downstairs - not upstairs for staff
Worst - not having enough immediate support or picking up someone else's slack rather than doing my job
Other library meeting & study rooms (sending patrons elsewhere)
Older facility
Parking along fence in back lot
Programs are in children's space
SRC doesn't want us to use senior center
Need to send people to other libraries for study rooms
No integrated outdoor space
Need a sorter connected to all book drops
No whimsical play area for kids that is not programming space
No dedicated teen area
Holds locker location is close to ops room exit door
Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3
We don't have enough natural light
A full awning over holds locker so that patrons and staff aren't getting wet while checking out/loading items.
Direct library entrance, not shared/dependent on civic center

If space and resources were not constraints, what would help you serve patrons better?	
Meeting Room Space	
Natural lighting for morale	
Separate staff entrance (away from front entrance)	
Device charging station	
Sorter	
Programming space	
Quiet spaces	
ADA all space compliant	

Staff Bathroom / Family restroom / Gender neutral restroom
More staff
Parking
Study Rooms
Study rooms / Study rooms / More Study Rooms
Square footage not smaller than current branch

If space and resources were not constraints, what would improve your workflow?	
some time scheduled when closed	
Bigger & better organized staff area	
Awning between ops door & hold locker	
Staff Bathroom!	
Parking! staff/patron	
Bigger & better-organized ops room	
Individual desk area per staff member	
More computers	
More computers & laptops	
Private/Semi-private desks & workspaces (closeable doors, signs put up)	
More collection highlights/top picks/lucky day/features	
Sorter	
Sorter	

Staff Wishlist (Compiled Separately, in order)	
Staff Bathrooms	
Library meeting/programming room (not shared)	
Designated library parking	
Square footage not smaller than ED/WR current	
Direct library entrance, not share/dependent on civic center	
Vending machines	
Outdoor space	
Whimsical play area for kids that is not programming space	

Dedicated teen area
Study rooms
Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3
Natural lighting

Ops Specific (Compiled Separately, in order)
Sorter connect to all book drops
Designated ops room that meets new ops standards (see Juliana's proposal); Sit/Stand desks, routing wall
Holds locker location is close to ops room exit door
A full awning over Holds Locker so that patrons and staff aren't getting wet while checking out /loading items

SUPPORTING METHODS AND SOURCES

Community Stakeholder Interviews — Summary Document





Wheat Ridge Community Partner Insights Summary

June 2026

Background

With new development opportunities taking shape in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County Public Library is looking at how to best meet the diverse library needs of the Wheat Ridge community. As part of the effort to engage the community in this important process, JCPL conducted community partner engagement in 2025 and 2026 to gather feedback about library opportunities in Wheat Ridge.

Approach

As part of a broader community listening and engagement strategy, JCPL conducted interviews with prominent community partners, including elected officials, municipal leaders and key community influencers. The interviews were conducted by members of the JCPL leadership team.

Stakeholders engaged as of June 2026:

- Andy Kerr, Jeffco County Commissioner
- Chandra Matthews, Current Seniors Resource Center (SRC) CEO
- Chris Lynn, Former Seniors Resource Center (SRC) CEO
- Dan Larson, Wheat Ridge City Council Member
- Joe Kerby, Jefferson County Manager
- Kat Douglas, Jefferson County Housing, Economic Development and Employment Services Director
- Kate Newman, Jefferson County Deputy County Manager
- Katie McKenna, Archway Communities Housing Development Manager
- Korey Stites, Wheat Ridge Mayor
- Lauren Mikulak, Wheat Ridge Community Development Director
- Paige Piper, Wheat Ridge Local Works Executive Director

- Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge City Manager

Feedback from these interviews will be included in the Wheat Ridge Library Community Engagement Report, which will be completed in July 2026.

Conversation Starters:

JCPL leadership asked interviewees a variety of conversation starter questions, including:

- What are your thoughts on the current Wheat Ridge Library and how it serves the community?
- What library opportunities or concerns do you see?
- Are there other impacts we should be thinking of?
- Who else should talk to for insights into the library needs of the Wheat Ridge community?

Interview Insights:

Common Themes:

The following common themes regarding Wheat Ridge Library emerged from the stakeholder interviews:

1. Strong support exists for library services in Wheat Ridge

- Strong support for the library and acknowledgement of the importance of maintaining library services in Wheat Ridge
- Expanded library services desired; multiple comments about the need to enhance or improve existing library services

2. Perception that current library does not meet community needs

- Consistent statements about needed improvements to the size and quality of the existing library
- Multiple mentions of Wheat Ridge residents using other library locations to access more comprehensive facilities or resources

3. Existing Library lease

- Acknowledgement that the Library's current lease at SRC has a lengthy term remaining, with lease terms that benefit the Library's budget
- Mixed responses about the Library maintaining or amending the existing lease

4. Library location challenges and opportunities

- Current library location/configuration does not align with SRC development needs but there may also be opportunity on that site
- Opportunities exist for the library to co-locate with planned Wheat Ridge developments
- Co-location is seen as strategic opportunity for impact and funding leverage and Library viewed as a strategic development anchor
- Lutheran Legacy Campus mentioned multiple times as an ideal Library location
- Existing Wheat Ridge sites also suggested as potential location opportunities

5. Timing alignment is a critical risk

- There is desire for the library to decide on and commit to a path forward
- Library's decision impacts multiple partner organizations
- Library and partner organization timelines are not currently aligned
- There is a time-sensitive window that determines whether key opportunities are captured or lost