

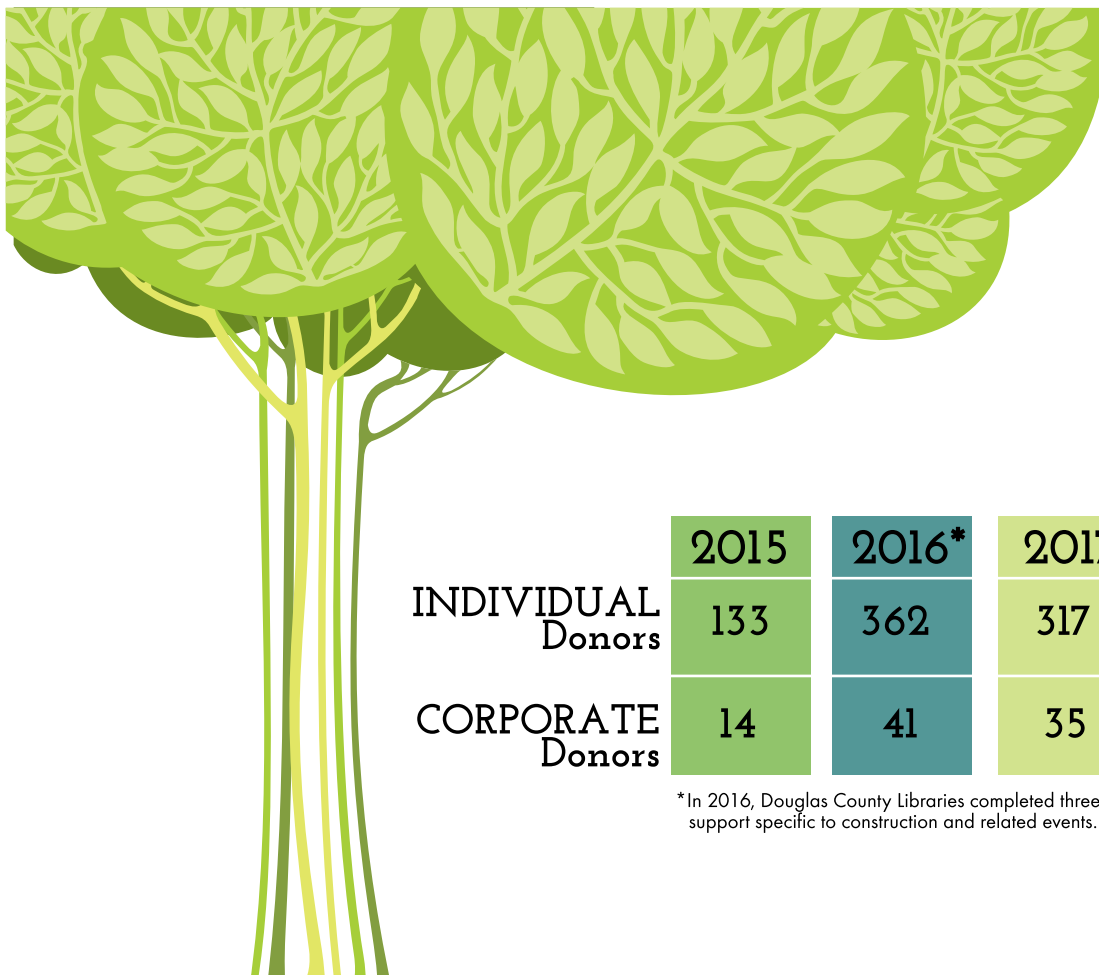


2015-2019:
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Douglas County Libraries
Foundation 

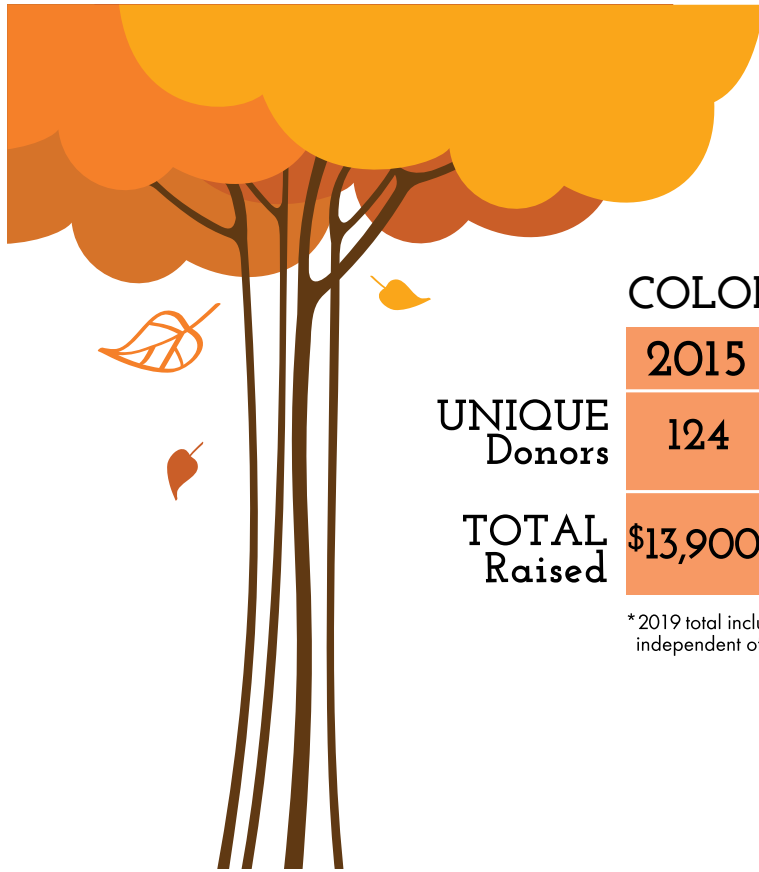
In 2015, the Douglas County Libraries Foundation (DCLF) took steps toward developing a formal Board of Directors, and successfully transitioned from representation by a committee on the Douglas County Libraries Board of Trustees to a dedicated Board of seven members. Bylaws were adopted, and policies were created to fulfill the operational necessities of the DCLF. Board members donate their time to fundraise and support the DCLF and its programs.

DCLF GROWTH AND SUPPORT SINCE 2015



*In 2016, Douglas County Libraries completed three new building projects, which enjoyed donor support specific to construction and related events.

OUR REVENUE PROGRAMS



COLORADO GIVES DAY

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
UNIQUE Donors	124	248	235	273	289
TOTAL Raised	\$13,900	\$22,400	\$24,000	\$27,000	\$52,000

*2019 total includes \$20,000 from a single donor. We surpassed our \$30,000 goal independent of that single large donation.

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Naming Rights

Beginning in 2016, the DCLF received more than \$190,000 in donations for the naming of 14 areas throughout Douglas County Libraries facilities. Donors represented corporate organizations as well as individuals memorializing/honoring their loved ones.

Amazon Marketplace

Book sales via an online Amazon storefront complement onsite sales in Second Chapter Used Bookstores, located inside branch libraries. Implemented in 2017, this program continues to grow, and is run by volunteers with the part-time assistance of one employee.

OUR "GIVE-BACK" PROGRAMS



Scholarships

The DCLF provides scholarships for families in need of financial support, allowing children to participate in Camp DCL, weeklong learning opportunities held during school breaks. Since 2017, the DCLF has provided more than 60 scholarships to Douglas County families.

"My husband and I are both on disability so we have a very limited income, and I'm always trying to find ways to make their world bigger. I was super excited when I got the scholarship for Alex." - Stephanie B.

"Being a single mom, I don't have the income to give her camps and all the things she would like. This really gave her the opportunity to do something that she otherwise wouldn't be able to do." - Joan V.

The DCLF also provides exam fee scholarships to High School Equivalency students seeking to complete GED testing. To date, 26 students have received financial aid through the DCLF to complete their high school educations.

Operation Paperback

Since 2015, the DCLF has provided books from our donated collections and paid to ship those items to military personnel serving both domestically and internationally. To date, we have mailed 2,422 books, enriching the lives of more than 239 members of the military.

Exploration Stations

Two hands-on DCL Exploration Stations have been designed and built by the DCLF, through partnerships with Parker Adventist Hospital and Castle Rock Adventist Hospital. These stations entertain and educate young children waiting for family members in maternity and surgical areas.

BUILDING OUR BRAND

In 2015, the DCLF hosted the first annual Fête des Fables Gala, a premiere entertainment event with a new literary fable theme each year. To date, Fête des Fables has raised more than \$300,000 to benefit library programs. Guests have experienced whimsical and fun adventures brought to life through each gala: Little Red Riding Hood, One Thousand and One Arabian Nights, Adventures in Wonderland, Destination Neverland, and The Jungle Book—and in 2020, The Little Mermaid. In the process, guests were introduced to the phenomenal work of our libraries and their importance to our community.



THANKING OUR DONORS

Most importantly, we never take for granted our faithful donors. Periodically, the DCLF hosts events specifically to thank the wonderful community that supports the work of our libraries. We continue to grow our donor thank-you program, not only with special letters and gifts, but also through invitations to donor opportunities ranging from author visits with special seating, to discounts in our bookstores, and advance notification of major library events prior to opening to the public. We have held an average of more than one event annually specifically to honor our donors.

OUR FIVE-YEAR TOTAL

Since 2015, the Douglas County Libraries Foundation has enjoyed donations in excess of \$1 million. When added to revenue received from book sales, our five-year total in support of Douglas County Libraries is nearly \$1.6 million.