

The Boulder Public Library is where our community comes to learn, create, connect, and grow. This year the library has asked the Foundation to help remove barriers, open doors, and make the library even more vibrant. *Your support can make it all possible.*

YOUR 2026 GIFT WILL MAKE THESE INITIATIVES POSSIBLE



CHILDREN & FAMILY LITERACY + LIFE ADVANCEMENT

Building on significant 2025 gains, this grant will fund temporary staff to bring the Book Bike, Reading Buddies program, and high school equivalency classes directly to under-resourced community members.

- Target population: 8,869 residents in Boulder Housing Partner (BHP) and manufactured home communities
- Thousands of books distributed to families who may not otherwise own books at home
- Literacy programs brought directly to BPH residents
- More high school equivalency classes offered to meet demand — participation grew 40%+ in 2025



MAIN LIBRARY EARLY LITERACY INSTALLATION

A museum-quality interactive early literacy installation in the Children's section at Main will be custom-designed for Boulder, bringing families into the library and introducing early literacy through joyful, hands-on play.

- Designed for children (birth through age 5) and families of all backgrounds
- Proven to increase door count, circulation, and time families spend in the library
- Will position the Main library as a downtown destination for locals and visitors



BOULDERWRITES – YEAR 2 OF 3

Year 2 of the Foundation's landmark multi-year investment in BoulderWrites builds on a strong 2025 launch. This grant deepens the program with a Writer-in-Residence, expanded workshops, and more one-on-one coaching.

- 97% of 2025 participants said coaching met their needs; 83% returned for another appointment
- New Writer-in-Residence program launching in 2026
- More one-on-one tutoring appointments and workshops to meet need



ACCESSIBILITY KITS FOR ALL LIBRARIES

A one-time investment in assistive technology will bring Braille displays, text-to-speech cameras, high-contrast keyboards, and Dragon dictation software to every library location. Equitable access is a right, not an option.

- Serves patrons who are blind, low-vision, neurodivergent, or have dexterity challenges
- Available at every branch
- Hardware and software licenses for all public computers

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LIBRARY IS A VERB. A GIFT TO THE BOULDER LIBRARY FOUNDATION HELPS KEEP IT THAT WAY.

ENDOWMENTS & NAMED FUNDS

Endowed funds exist in perpetuity. The gift is invested, the principal value remains, and an established percentage of the income is distributed annually to the library. The endowment allows the foundation and the library to better plan for the future. Endowment gifts may be given while the donor is living or, through legacy giving, they can be given after one's death. Gifts to the endowment may be designated for a specific interest area, or provide valuable unrestricted support to address strategic needs. Donors who make a gift of \$50,000 or more may establish a named endowed fund. As of January 1, 2026 the Boulder Library Foundation's unrestricted and designated endowed funds held a combined value of \$5,713,667.

ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2026 INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR



CARNEGIE LIBRARY: MARIA ROGERS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Supporting staff and contractor salaries for the ongoing preservation of Boulder's oral history — capturing and protecting the voices and stories that define our community for generations to come.

- Funds staff and contractors managing the oral history collection
- Ensures continuity of this irreplaceable community memory project



FAMILY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES IN CANYON THEATER

Part of the new Boulder Public Library Presents program of family-oriented performances in the Canyon Theater, the Deanna & Joe La Camera Series brings live world music performances to our community.

- Fills the library theater with world music throughout the year, bringing joy to Boulder families of all ages and backgrounds
- Expands the library as a cultural destination for Boulder families



CARNEGIE LIBRARY ARCHIVES PRESERVATION

Combined funding from the George Bragg Fund and the Laurence Paddock Fund continue the preservation and processing of Boulder's irreplaceable historical archives.

- Process 10 Daily Camera subject drawers and 20 landmark building record binders
- Rehouse and document 11 Boulder Daily Camera photograph drawers
- Protect primary source materials for future researchers and community members



ADULT LITERACY LEARNING MATERIALS - BOULDERREADS

This fund helps purchase learning materials for participants in the BoulderReads adult literacy program, ensuring that financial barriers don't stand between a community member and the opportunity to learn.

- Directly supports learners in ESL, HiSET, and conversation programs
- Removes a key access barrier for under-resourced adult learners

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BARGE, CEO, TO DISCUSS ENDOWMENT GIVING.

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