



YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

Donor Impact

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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Because of donor support, the Boulder Public Library offered extraordinary programs in 2025 reaching thousands of community members of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences.

Below is just a snapshot of what donor investment in the Boulder Library Foundation made possible in 2025.



520+ patrons reached by Maker-in-Residence



1,600 attendees at multicultural events



2,795 books distributed to underserved families



3,829 Summer of Discovery program attendees

“ The most valuable and powerful things in life aren't owned - they're shared. **”**
- FOUNDATION DONOR

LIBRARY IS A VERB. OUR DONORS HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY.



READING BUDDIES

Expanding Literacy
Where It's Needed Most

Foundation funding enabled the library to expand its beloved one-on-one Reading Buddies program into new communities.

- 46 children served through new summer programs at Boulder Housing Partners communities and NoBo library
- 12 additional children served through a new fall program at Meadows library
- Multiple families requested extending the program, reflecting community need and enthusiasm



MAKER-IN-RESIDENCE

Natural Dyeing with Sasha Duerr

Foundation support brought internationally acclaimed natural dyer, artist, and author Sasha Duerr to a week-long residency at the NoBo Makerspace.

- More than 520 patrons participated in free workshops, drop-in sessions, and an author talk in the Canyon Theater
- Sessions were full, with waitlists of 70+
- Participants learned hands-on natural dyeing skills typically offered only in academic or professional settings
- Sasha left behind a Fiber + Dye Seed Library, Boulder Dye Recipe Cards, and a collaborative dyed community piece

BOULDERWRITES

Finding Your Voice



Launched in 2025, BoulderWrites offers free writing support to all — from teens to retirees.

- 4 workshops in fiction, memoir, personal testimony & teen writing
- 90 one-on-one coaching appointments held
- Participants completed books, applied to college, and finished personal projects



ENGLISH & SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

In 2025, a new BoulderReads ESL program was launched because of Foundation support.

- 53 learners enrolled in the fall semester
- 78.5 hours of instruction delivered
- Learners ranged in age from 24 to 83 and came from 10+ language backgrounds
- Spanish conversation groups launch in 2026

SUMMER OF DISCOVERY



A reimagined Summer of Discovery program reached more Boulderites than ever, expanding beyond reading to include activities that invite exploration and community connection.

- 18% increase in registrations and 30% more completions in 2025
- 3,829 joined Summer of Discovery programs
- Books were given to participating kids & teens



MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING

Celebrating Our Community

Foundation support enabled the library to exceed its multicultural programming goals, connecting Boulder's diverse communities to the library in meaningful new ways.

- 9 cultural programs organized, co-hosted, or collaborated on in 2025, serving 1,600 people
- Events spanned West African dance and drumming, a multicultural celebration representing 9 cultures, Native American author panels, Kwanzaa, Latino summits, and Spanish-language financial literacy classes
- Partner organizations plan to return in 2026, a testament to the relationships built

REACHING UNDER-RESOURCED FAMILIES



Through the Book Bike and community programming at Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) sites, the library brought resources and services to families who face transportation, language, and economic barriers.

- 59 programs at 11 BHP community sites
- 2,795 books provided in English, Spanish, and bilingual formats
- The Book Bike became a trusted and celebrated neighborhood presence