

Boulder Public Library

2020

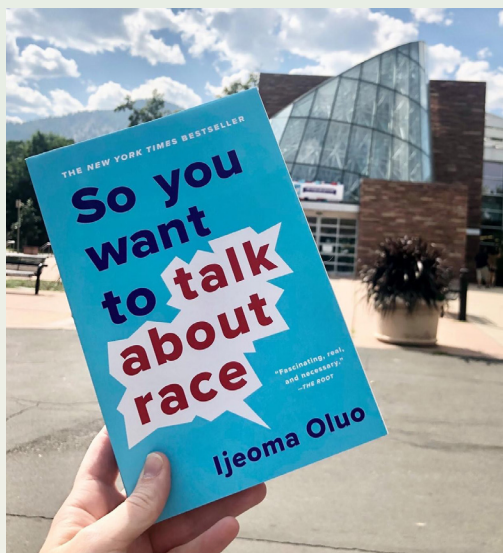
Annual Report

BOULDER
PUBLIC LIBRARY



HIGHLIGHTS

ONE BOOK, ONE BOULDER



The 2020 One Book One Boulder series featured the book, “So You Want to Talk About Race” by Ijeoma Oluo. The program series ran from late July through early November, 2020. The goal of the series was to bring Boulder together through the shared experience of reading and having dialogue around the same book.



2,456

TOTAL CHECKOUTS

2,456 total checkouts of the book “So You Want to Talk About Race” — audio books, ebooks and paper back copies.

4,744

PEOPLE ATTENDED

4,744 people attended one of our programs.



1,700

YOUTUBE VIEWS

The concluding author event on Zoom had over 1,700 views on YouTube.

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ONLINE LIBRARY Book Circulation

“Thank you so much for the extended use of these 50+ books and movies. Combined with Libby, our family found much comfort here. We value you and thank you very much.”

— From a card given to library staff

Libby is the Overdrive eBook and audio app, available through our Online Library.

6,154 MAIN CARRYOUT
APPOINTMENTS

8,876 MEADOWS
CARRYOUT
APPOINTMENTS

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OUR MOST CHECKED-OUT NOVELS

2020 Top 10 Fiction



1. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
2. The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
3. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
4. The Guardians by John Grisham
5. Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
6. Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout
7. The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
8. A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
9. Blue Moon by Lee Child
10. The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel

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1,670

OLDER ADULTS CONTACTED

DIAL-A-PATRON



To create connections we contacted 1,670 older adults by phone and email.

We offered home delivery and a friendly ear to talk to if they felt lonely while staying safer at home.

PATRON NUMBERS

8,478

LIBRARY CARD
NEW ACCOUNTS

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WIRELESS HOTSPOT PROGRAM



174
HOTSPOTS

60
IPAD

250
CHROME BOOKS

As many people stayed home amidst the pandemic to keep each other healthy and safe, the world turned digital to stay connected. An Internet connection is a lifeline to most people and often an expense that many cannot bear. The library created a Wireless Hot Spot Program to help fill the void.

- The library partnered with The Boulder Library Foundation, Housing and Human Services, Older Adult Services and Boulder Valley School district to distribute and pay for the services and devices.
- **In total, 174 hotspots, 60 iPad, 250 chrome books were distributed to community members.**
- **\$220,000 was invested in devices and data plans. 93% was funded by grants.**
- A hearty thanks to the Boulder Library Foundation, the Community Foundation of Boulder County and Twitter for their generous contributions to this program!

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SUMMER OF DISCOVERY

207,399

MINUTES READ

Collectively, Summer of Discovery participants read **207,399 minutes** + **776 books**, and completed **3,411 learning activities**.



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SUMMER OF DISCOVERY

Summer 2020

“That was WONDERFUL. Thank you so much. We’ve taken a lot of Zoom classes- and that was better than anything we’ve taken online. My son is still raving about it hours later.”

— From a Summer of Discovery event participant

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VOLUNTEERS

385 volunteers donated nearly **11,000 hours** of their time to Boulder Public Library in 2020. While only 40% of our volunteer community was able to contribute time and talents during the pandemic, individuals gave on average 25% more of their time when they were able to volunteer.



385

11,000

65

57

BoulderReads had **57 tutors** and **65 adult language learners** in 2020, and was able to double the number of Conversations in English classes weekly.



Book Drop volunteers gave **713 hours** of service to keep things running by emptying book drops and quarantining materials.

713

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BOULDERREADS LITERACY FOR ALL

4,541

TOTAL TUTORING +
PREP HOURS

Total Tutoring + prep hours: 4,541

Total tutors: 57

Total pairs: 65

Tutor training hours: 203.5

Reading Buddies: 508 volunteer hours



*“I am more thankful for
the program, my learner, and
BoulderReads staff than ever—they
have been a source of stability
and encouragement in this
uncertain and sad time.”*

— BoulderReads Tutor

**Conversations
In English
increased
by 60%**

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JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL



3,544

REGISTRATIONS

3,544 Unique Worldwide Registrations; JLF Colorado 2020 video sessions were viewed over 708,000 times online globally.

Reached 45.28 million
Impressions 67.44 million
Views 708k

Speakers: 56
Sessions: 23
Jaipur Writers Shorts: 15

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HALO FUND



To support library staff impacted by pandemic-related budget cuts, the Boulder Library Foundation held a fundraising initiative called HALO (Help a Library Worker Out). This financial help was available to the many library staff members who were placed on long-term furlough or who lost their jobs during this challenging year.



“As a community of Library lovers, we feel it’s critically important to support the people that help make our library programs and services possible.”

— Alicia Gibb, President of the Boulder Library Foundation

“Public libraries are facing immense challenges due to COVID-19. Yet, they’re in even more demand as children return to school. Public libraries can help fill the gap but they need our support. Donate to the Boulder Public Library through the Boulder Library Foundation.”

— Dr. Matthew King

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FOUNDATION

Since 1974, the Boulder Library Foundation has been bringing people together to ensure our Library can continue developing meaningful educational programs for our community. Boulder Public Library would like to thank the Boulder Library Foundation for its ongoing and essential support, and the many community members and organizations who contributed to the Boulder Library Foundation in 2020.

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